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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. L. Somayya.

Superintendent of Police,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE....**District.**

For week ending.....November 1, 1941.

The following matters should be reported on :—

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 1st November 1941.

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PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy is now reported to be working in the Italian Camp No.L. where C.M. Garudachar, S.K. Venkataranga Iyengar and others are ascertained to have taken a sub-contract under Messrs. Lada Singh Bedi and Sons.

Mandya District:

It is reported that Mr. K. Chickalingiah, President, District Board, Mandya, had given an undertaking to the local congress at Mandya, that he would make room after serving as such for a year and ~~kx~~ a half, in favour of Mr. Pashupathi Rao of Mandya. As the former appears to be refusing to tender his resignation, the matter has been referred to the Parliamentary Sub-Committee.

Kadur District:

Mr. G. Sampathiengar of Gorur came to Hassan from Cochin and left for Gorur on the 22nd October.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is expected to meet at Mysore on the 15th and 16th November. Matters relating to re-elections ordered by the Election Commissioner in respect of certain Congressmen and labour problems are among the subjects that are likely to come up before the committee for discussions.

The A.M.C.C. session is notified to be held at Holenarasipur on the 22nd and 23rd November. Mr. K. Pattabhiraman is reported to be compiling statistics of election petitions in order to place them before the Session. The alleged neutral attitude of the Parliamentary Sub Committee in regard to the case of Mr. Veerakesari Sitharama Sastry is also likely to come up for discussion.

It is understood that Mr. D.P. Karmarkar, President, K.P.C.C. is visiting Bangalore shortly, at the request of Mr. Gandhi to make enquiries into the complaints of alleged misbehaviour of the Military in Bangalore. In the meanwhile, Mr. Karmarkar has requested Mr. K. Hanumanthia (Congressman) to get into touch with those who have actually suffered at the hands of the Military and record their statements.

Mysore District:

On the 28th October, the members of the Reception Committee and other local Congressmen discussed at the Congress Office, Mysore, the tour programme of the President, Mysore Congress. The provisional programme is from the 4th to the 8th November covering Mysore, Krishnarajanagar, Periyapatna, Hunsur and a few other places.

The question of presenting a Civic Address to Mr. H. Siddiah appears to have been ruled out in the meeting

of the City Municipal Council on the 30th October and tha the Congress pa-rty members walked out of the house that day.

A meeting of the Khadi Society Dharmadarsies was held at Tagadur on the 24th October with Mr. P.N. Sangappa as President. Messrs. K.S. Kumaran (externee from Bangalore District, residing at Rama Vilas Agrahara, Mysore), Agaram Rangiah, Tagadur Ramachandra Rao and others attended the same. By one of their resolutions, the Society has recommended to pay Rs.15/- per mensem to the local native Vidyasala.

Kadur District:

To encourage Village Industries, a Handicraft Centre is likely to be opened at Chickmagalur on the 2nd instant. Messrs. C.V. Dhruva, M. Hutche Gowda and other congressmen are participating in the function. A portrait of Mr. Gandhi is also expected to be unveiled on the occasion.

Chitaldrug District.:

Messrs. S. Nijalingappa, Bhima Rao and Vasudeva Rao, members of the District Congress Committee, toured in Holalkere and Hosadurga taluks between the 26th and 29th October, to enlist members to the Congress.

Tumkur District:

At a private meeting of the Town Congress Committee, Tumkur, with Mr. T. Subramanyam, as President, the members discussed among other matters the question of taking the consent of the public of Tumkur to allow Harijans to enter temples in the Town. Printed pamphlets in Kanarese were also distributed in the Town. Since the 28th October Messrs. M.V. Rama Rao, T. Subramanya, R.S. Aradhya and a few other congressmen are engaged in house-to-house propaganda.

Kolar District:

Sathyapracharak Ramachandraji is learnt to stay at Chickballapur for about a month in connection with Rural uplift work in the Taluk.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Kadur, Shimoga & Kolar Dists:

Mr. Bagamane Dyave Gowda addressing a meeting at Kuruvanji near Hiremagalur on the 24th October, criticised the levy of the Education Cess and pleaded for other facilities. At another meeting held at Ajjampur on the 28th October, Mr. Subramanya Setti made similar criticisms. Mr. Jagali Channabasappa presided over the latter meeting. A protest meeting was also held in Yelagalaburre of Srinivasapur taluk on the 22nd October at which Messrs. B.L. Narayanaswami, Srinivasaah, Krishna Murthi, Sarvagna Murthi and K. Pattabhiraman spoke to the gathering.

Public meetings were held at Shimoga on the 24th October and at Sagar on the 26th October, Mr. H. Siddiah presiding on both the occasions. Including the President, the marginally noted persons criticised the levy of the Educational Cess while referring to other matters. Resolutions were also recorded urging the cancellation of the Cess imposed.(* M/s K.P. Raman, G.Srinivasa Iyengar, S.R. Nagappa Setti, Badri Narayan, Kadidal Manjappa - at Shimoga; K.P. Raman, Girimaji Rao, Mrutyanjaya Rao-(at Sagar).

Chitaldrug Dist:

Propaganda meetings were held on 26th October at Ramagiri and Narayana-Gondanahalli and on the 27th instant at Holalkere. Messrs. Bheemappa Naik and Nijalingappa exhorted the audience to join the congress.

Mr. S. Virabasappa, President, District Board, (Congressman) distributed prizes at the Physical Culture Display that took place at Godanal village on the 21st October under the guidance of Professor Raghavendra Rao.

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

Bangalore City:

The next session of the All Mysore State Muslim Conference is to be held at Mandya on the 13th and 14th November. Invitations are reported to have been issued to several Muslim leaders in India.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Enquiry in connection with the Binny's Mills' workers continued during the week. Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar who appeared only on the opening day of the proceedings appears to have been paid a sum of Rs.200/- by the workers. Mr. S.K. Venkatarangaiengar continues to represent the workers, while Mr. Grant represents the Mills. A large number of witnesses have been examined including Mr. K.T. Bhashyam. There appears to be a move to approach Government to afford facilities to N.D. Shankar and others who are proposed to be examined.

Mr. S.K. Venkatarangaiengar is likely to be elected as President of the Binny's Mills Association in place of Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy who intends to resign. (Vide S.B.A. 43/41 - Page 258.)

The case of one Lingappa, an executive committee member of the recently formed Koday Eswarsa Silk Throwing Factory Association, since dismissed, has been referred to the Labour Commissioner and the Textile Labour Union.

Some workmen of Muddiah's Silk Factory since thrown out by the Management are reported to have complained at the Labour Union Office.

Bangalore District:

Mr. K. Hanumanthia presiding, a public meeting of the labourers of the Tobacco Grading Station, Closepet, was held on the 21st October. A Committee was formed with Messrs. T. Made Gowda - President, Venkatasamappa - Vice President, and Hafiz - Secretary; Messrs.: Made Gowda (M.L.C.) and Choode Gowda (M.R.A.) participated in the proceedings. Resolutions were passed demanding increase in wages and requesting the workers to enrol themselves as members paying a subscription of one anna each.

Mandya District:

Messrs. B.V. Krishnan, Nanjappa and K. Shamanna held a meeting of about 40 Sugar-cane growing ryots, at Mandya on the 22nd October and discussed among other matters, the constitution of a committee to put forth their grievances

in a body.

Shimoga District:

At a public meeting of the Labour Union, held at Bhadravathi on the 24th October with Mr. Victor of Iron Works, as President, resolutions were adopted urging the grant of certain privileges of leave, etc., and criticising the authorities for "suspending the workers for flimsy mistakes." Messrs. N.D. Shankar, Chidambaram, Ranganna, Jayaram and Subramanya Pillai, delivered speeches. Mr. N.D. Shankar particularly exhorted the workers to stand firm and face any consequences.

The Executive Committee of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi, which met on the 26th October adopted certain resolutions urging the sanction of a dearness allowance of Rs.3/-, same privileges of leave as those enjoyed by other Government servants and other allied matters. Including N.D. Shankar, the persons named in the above para besides a few others also attended the meeting.

Of the workers, Kalabhairava and Seshagiri Rao who are reported to have been kept under suspension, the latter appears to have been since discharged. Disciplinary action appears to have been taken against Jairam for having addressed the meeting on the 19th October, accusing the authorities as being responsible for the death of Chinnappa. About 125 workers of the Paper Mills have sent up a protest petition threatening a strike if their grievances are not remedied early.

Presided over by N.D. Shankar, another labour meeting was held on the 28th October at Bhadravathi, at which Messrs. Desikan, Smaller, C.T. Hanumanthappa (M.R.A.) Puttiah, Baduraiya, Pandurangappa (M.R.A.) Visvanatharadhya and H. Srinivasa Rao addressed the gathering exhorting the labourers to unite under the leadership of N.D. Shankar.

Mr. T. Madappa Gowda, Director of the Board of Management who was notified to address the meeting that day, is reported to have not attended the meeting.

Kolar Gold Fields:

Mr. P.R.K. Sharma who arrived in K.G.F. on the 29th October met the labourers of the Nandydroog Mine and told them that the offers of help by the Mysore Congress are prompted by sinister motives. He suggested that he and Mr. T.L.A. Acharya might be elected Presidents of the Mysore and Nandydroog Mine Unions, respectively.

Printed notices in Tamil were issued by V.S. Jagannathan of the Oorgaum Mine criticising the action of the Mysore Congress and advising the workers to follow Mr. P.R.K. Sharma.

Counter propaganda is being carried on by the Congress-minded workers. Mr. K. Changalrai Reddy came to K.G.F. on the 24th October when Thangavelu, Doreraj and a few others met him, before his departure to Kyasamballi the next day. Thangavelu accompanied Mr. Reddy on the 27th October to the S.R. Building where they had "Tea" and Mr. Reddi appears to have advised the labourers to strengthen their Association in co-operation with Mr. P.R.K. Sharma.

Movements of Externees & Deportees:

Lingiah, labour agitator, (externee from Bangalore Dist), appears to have addressed a letter to Puttashankarappa alleging that the local Police at Malavalli have been closely watching his movements and that if the latter was not prepared to do anything for him, he would resign his membership of the Labour Union, etc.,

The Government in their orders Nos. 1568-69/C.B. 29-41-11 and 1570-71/C.B. 29-41-10 dated the 27th October, have cancelled the orders of externment from the State made against K.C. Phillips and Dr. Subramanyam respectively.

Prohibitory Orders:

In order to prevent a breach of the peace, orders under section 144 Cr.P.C. were promulgated by the Amildar-Magistrate, Nelamangala taluk, preventing the two parties of Muslims at Thyamagondlu from congregating at the Edgah for Ramzan prayers on the 23rd October. The occasion is reported to have passed off peacefully.

Similar orders were promulgated at Chickmagalur (Vide S.B.A. 43/41 - page 261) and orders were also served u/s 144 Cr.P.C. on Syed Khaji Fakruddin, ex-Pesh Imam of Jamma Masjid, Shimoga, prohibiting him from ascending the pulpit and recite prayers. The occasion passed off smoothly at both the places.

Detention under the Defence of India Rules:

In Notification No.1589-93/C.B. 29-41-12 dated 28-10-41, Government have ordered the detention of N.D. Shankar (Communist) under sub rule 1 (b) & 5 of rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules. The latter has for sometime been prying to excite the employees of the Bhadravathi Iron and Steel Works against the Management. He was arrested on the 29th October and detained at the District Lock-up, Chickmagalur.

Visitors:

R.S. Nagesha Rao, reported to be the Secretary of the Local Congress Committee, Ananthapur, accompanied by Rama Rao, General Merchant, Ananthapur and 2 others, arrived in Bangalore on the 26th October on private work and left for Hindupur on the 30th October.

Satya Rao Tilang referred in S.B.A.42/41 - page 255, is reported to have left Bangalore on the 30th October on a fortnight's tour in the State in order to open branches of Volunteer Organisations of Swayam Sevak Sangha.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,)
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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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4th November

CONFIDENTIAL.

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Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 1st November 1941.

Yours sincerely,
A. B. T. Hesarine

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

SUBJECT.

Special Branch Abstract No.S.B.A. 45/41 dated 10th November 1941 received from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, for the week ending Saturday the 8th November 1941.

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Superintendent of Police,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE **District.**

For week ending.....November 8,.....1941

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PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

In connection with the intended visit of Mr. D.P. Karmarkar to Bangalore, Mr. V.S. Narayana Rao appears to have suggested to Mr. K. Hanumanthiah to write back to Mr. Karmarkar asking him not to visit Bangalore owing to the difficulty of collecting evidence on the alleged molestation by the military. Mr. Hanumanthiah is said to have agreed to the proposal. To a similar letter written by Mr. Karmarkar to the Secretary of the C & M Station Congress Committee, the latter appears to have replied that there were no such incidents in their area and that he need not go to Bangalore for the present.

The Bangalore District Congress Committee discussed at their meeting on the 2nd November about the arrangements to be made for the next Mysore Congress Convention. A small committee with Mr. V. Venkatappa and others has been formed for the purpose.

Mr. M.N. Sitharamiah (Congressman) has published in his Fortnightly Journal "Pourawani" dated 2-11-41 a photo of the extension of a building belonging to Mr. Gangadharaswamy (Congressman and Municipal Councillor) constructed without a license. The building is intended to be let out to Mr. K. Hanumanthiah.

The City Congress Municipal Party are contemplating to present a Civic Address to Messrs. B. Gopala Reddy and A. Kaleswara Rao who are said to be likely to visit Bangalore, shortly. In view of the present situation, they also desire to vote in the Council for presenting a similar address to Mr. H. Siddiah, when the latter intends to tour in Bangalore District.

The Congress Assembly Party intend publishing a booklet incorporating the various Press opinions and statements issued regarding the Dewan's ruling in the last Assembly Session on the question of privileges of the members.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is notified to be held on the 9th instant at Bangalore. Questions relating to the prohibitory orders passed against Mr. H. Siddiah and his subsequent arrest, the action of Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy in having taken up the military contract, and some other matters are expected to come up for discussion.

Mysore District:

In connection with the tour programme of Mr. Siddiah in Mysore District, Mr. H.C. Dasappa sent a telegram from Mysore on 4-11-41 to Mr. Siddiah at Shimoga stating that they (Congressmen) had informed the District Magistrate regarding the cancellation of the City programme and that as his arrival at Mysore was necessary, he might start the very night to Mysore.

The same day Mr. S. Channiah sent a letter to the District Magistrate criticising the prohibitory order and intimating that Mr. Siddiah had been asked to go to Mysore as it would be difficult to have his tour in the District without touching Mysore. Mr. Siddiah replied by wire informing that he was starting from Shimoga that night (4-11-41.)

As information was available that Mr. Siddiah was arriving at Mysore on the morning of the 5th instant, the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, went in advance earlier and interviewed Mr. Siddiah at Krishnarajanagar in the Railway carriage that morning and as the latter said at Belagola Railway Station in consultation with other Congressmen who were ~~in~~ waiting there, that he had made up his mind to go to Mysore, he was arrested by the District Superintendent of Police under section 3 of the Mysore Public Security Act and sent back with instructions to release him immediately on arrival at Shimoga. He was accordingly released at Shimoga at about 3 P.M. the same day.

Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and K. Patt-abhiraman issued statements to the Press criticising the action of the authorities in arresting Mr. Siddiah. Later, the party proceeded to carry on their propaganda tour in Krishnarajanagara and Hunsur taluks. Subsequently, as per intimation sent to Mr. Siddiah by wire from Mr. Dasappa on the 5th to Shimoga, he again left the place the same night and joined the tour party on the 6th instant at Krishnarajanagar. Their propaganda tour is continuing.

Hassan District:

The District Congress Committee at their meeting at Hassan on the 4th November with Mr. Panchakshariah as President, discussed matters relating to the convening of the A.M.C.C. Session at Holenarasipur on the 22nd and 23rd instant.

Kadur District:

With Mr. Hutche Gowda as President, a Handicraft centre (ಕೈ ಕಸುಬು ಕೇಂದ್ರ) was opened in a private ~~x~~ building at Chickmagalur on the 2nd November. Messrs. C.V. Dhruva and H.P. Ranganathiengar actively participated in the proceedings.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

A Protest meeting in connection with the arrest of Mr. H. Siddiah was held at Bangalore on the 5th instant at which the speakers - Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam (Pr), K. Sampangiramiah, Malavalli Veerappa, Gundenahalli Nanjappa, Puttashankarappa and K.R.Srid-har spoke, criticising the Mysore District Magistrate's order prohibiting Mr. Siddiah from entering Mysore and referred to the arrest of N.D. Shankar and the labour situation in Bhadravathi.

Resolutions were also adopted to the same effect.

A protest meeting in connection with the levy of the Education Cess was held at Mayakonda on 3-11-41 at which Messrs. Marula Siddiah and Lakshman Naik, the

the local Congressmen xspoke to a gathering of 20 to 30 persons.

Another protest meeting in the same connection and to disapprove the ruling of the Municipal President given on 30-10-41 in connection with the presentation of a Civic Address to Mr. H. Siddiah, was held in Mysore on the 4th November. The speakers referred to in the margin criticised the authorities on the levy of the Education Cess and the promulgation of the prohibitory order u/s 144 Cr.P.C. against Mr. H. Siddiah, Mysore Congress. It was, however, announced during the meeting that Mr. Siddiah would surely come to Mysore on the 5th instant for food and rest and then carry on his programme in the District and that the District Magistrate would be held responsible for any consequences. The arrest of N.D. Shankar at Bhadravathi was also criticised.

4-11-41. M/s. H.C. Dasappa, B. Narayanaswami, T. Mariappa, H.K. Viranna Gowda, Agaram Rangiah, S. Rangaramiah, J. Swami Doss & P. Sitharamiah.

Resolutions were recorded protesting against the levy of the Education Cess and the promulgation of the prohibitory orders against Mr. Siddiah and the arrest of N.D. Shankar at Bhadravathi. (Audience about 250) - speeches are reported to have not created much impression.

At a public meeting arr-anged in connection with the Spinning Demonstration at Chickmagalur on the 1st November, the President Mr. M. Hutche Gowda, and Messrs. Manjanatha Pai, C.V. Dhruva and H.P. Ranganathiengar spoke on encouraging spinning and the Spinning Co-operative Society.

To express sympathy with the strikers of the Iron and Steel works, Bhadravathi, a public meeting was held in Ramanna Setti Park, Shimoga, on 5-11-1941, with Mr. N.G. Rudrappa, M.R.A. as President. Messrs. S.R. Nagappa Setti, Proprietor, Sudarsana Khadi Vastralaya, D.S. Ninakar, H.S. Rudrappa and Krishna Bhatt who spoke on the occasion criticised the present policy of the Government and urged the release of N.D. Shankar. They congratulated the workmen for their peaceful behaviour during the Strike.

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

Shimoga District:

The members of the local branch of the above league with Mr. M. Mohamad Khasim Sab as President, resolved at their meeting on the 4th instant at Shimoga to hold a public meeting on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Mohammad Shariff during the second week of the month.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

The enquiry in connection with the Binny's Mill's workers was completed on the 4th November. The workers on probation are reported to be trying from now on to prepare the labourers for a strike in case

in case the decision by the Enquiry Officer should be unfavourable to them. Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar appears to have been paid a sum of Rs.750/- by the workers.

General discontentment appears to be prevailing among the workers of the various Mills and factories in the City for one reason or the other:-The workers of the Minerva Mills seem to have a grievance that nothing was done for Lingiah. The Mysore Mill's' workers are also having a similar grievance. In addition, one of their labourers has been suspended. One of the drivers of the Motor Transport Union has been dismissed and a lady worker discharged in the AMCO Factory. Similarly, some workers in Muddiah's Silk Factory and Khoday Eswarsa Factory are reported to have been thrown out. Mr. H.V. Subramanyam, the self-styled President of the Government Porcelain Factory, seems to have intimated the workers of the Factory that his efforts to redress their grievances were of no avail.

Mr. Seetharamiah, Miss. Seetharam and Miss. De Silva visited the Textile Labour Union on the 2nd November and explained to the workers the idea of forming a Workers' Theatre at Bangalore with a view to enact cultural dramas, etc. A Committee consisting of 12 members was formed with K.P. Srinivasan as Secretary, Muniswamy, Chellam and others as members.

Two labour meetings were held near the Minerva and Mysore Mills on the 3rd and 4th instant respectively, Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, H.C. Dasappa, D. Venkatesh, Malavalli Veerappa, W.H. Hanumanthappa and a few others participated in the proceedings. References were made about the alleged grievances of the labourers, the strike situation in Bhadravathi and other allied matters.

Shimoga District:

Subramanya Pillay and Puttia and other Executive Committee members of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi, conferred at a meeting on the 30th October and elected Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao (Congress) an Advocate of Shimoga, as President in place of N.D. Shankar. This was later announced at a public meeting held the same evening.

Messrs. K.R. Madhava Rao, Nyamathi Basavannappa, B.P. Halappa and K.S. Ramachandra Setti (Secretary of the Labour Union) addressed the gathering (about 2000 workers). Mr. K.T. Bhashyam who was wired to visit Bhadravathi did not turn up. The speakers criticised that the arrest of Shankar was unjustifiable and exhorted the labourers to strike in case N.D. Shankar was not released.

There was another public meeting on the 31st October att-ended by about 1500 labourers. Messrs. K.R. Madhava Rao and K.S. Ramachandra Setti explained that their interview with the Chairman was of no avail. The former particularly impressed that in case they should organise a strike, they would get all their grievances remedied.

On the 1st instant another public meeting was held (attended by about 1500 persons) at which the

above said persons and Messrs. D.S. Dinakar and Seshagiri Sastry spoke to the audience almost on similar lines as on the previous occasion.

The following day (2-11-41) another meeting with Mr. B.P. Halappa as President was held to elect Office-bearers for the Paper Mill's Labour Union. Later, this was adjourned to the next day. The Labour Commissioner who arrived the same day, also advised the workers not to strike. After he left the meeting Mr. Madhava Rao exhorted them not to be bewildered at the latter's speech but that there should be a strike in their own interests.

Thus, there was a complete strike of workers from the morning of the 3rd instant. None responded to the notice issued by the Chairman regarding the interview. Mr. Madhava Rao discussed the situation with the Labour Commissioner. Messrs. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhariah and H. Ramakrishna Rao of Shimoga also discussed the situation with the officers camping at Bhadravathi.

About 3000 workers attended the public meeting held the same night. The marginally*noted persons spoke to the audience and exhorted them to continue the strike peacefully and also announced that negotiations have been going on to come to an amicable settlement regarding their demands.

* Speakers: M/s. Jairam, Krishna Bhatta, Krishna Murthi, Nagappa Setti, Jafar Mohaddin (Tarikere), Seshagiri Sastry, B.P. Halappa, H.K. Puttiah, Victor, Yellappa, Ramachandra Setti, Sabjan Saheb (Tarikere) and K.R. Madhava Rao.

Some of these persons spoke again on the 4th instant at another public meeting, x at which Mr. Krishna Bhatta presided. Mr. Halappa expressed that the officers did not concede to their request in granting an increment of Rs.3/-. Mr. Seshagiri Sastry criticised the officers. The other speakers referred to the negotiations.

Hand bills asking the workers to continue the strike calmly were distributed among them.

There was a private meeting of the leaders of labourers including Messrs. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhariah and Ramakrishna Rao, with the Registrar of Labour Associations and Labour Commissioner on the 4th instant for an amicable settlement.

At the public meeting held on the 5th instant they passed resolutions in connection with the formation of the Paper Mill's Labour Union, with Mr. B.P. Halappa as President. There was a gathering of 3000 persons.

The leaders interviewed the Minister for Law on the 5th instant. The next day (6-11-41) also, they had an interview. The strike ended the same night on the Management agreeing to an increase in wages.

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Kolar Gold Fields:

On the 30th October, Messrs. P.R.K. Sharma, Ramji, K.C. Phillips and some others visited some Cooly lines in the Mysore Mines and advised the labourers to be united and to join the Union in large numbers. Vigorous propaganda is being conducted by Messrs. Acharya and others to strengthen the party of Mr. P.R.K. Sharma. Counter propaganda is also being carried on by Congressmen to thwart the efforts of Mr. Sharma's party.

Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddy who is kept informed of the development, visited K.G.F. on the 5th instant and met Messrs. Thangavelu Mudaliar and others. He left for Kyasamballi the same evening.

Printed notices in Tamil, issued under the signatures of N.C.S. Nathan, M. Muniswami, Subramani, Sangaram and Shivanathan of Champion Reef Mine were distributed in the Mining area. They contain certain questions, and request Mr. Chengalraya Reddy whether he is working there as per instructions of the Mysore Congress or on behalf of the Labour Union, guided by the Federation of Labour Unions.

Movements of Externees and Deportees:

Mr. M.A. Parasuram (deportee) who was released from the Bangalore Central Jail on the 7th November, left for Salem, the same morning under surveillance. He had been convicted under the Mysore Public Security Act for violating the deportation order (Vide S.B.A. 33/41 Page 206.)

Prohibitory Orders:

The District Magistrate, Mysore, passed an order under section 144 Cr.P.C. on the 1st November 1941 prohibiting Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, from entering the limits of Mysore City for a period of 2 months from 1-11-1941. The order was served on Mr. Siddiah at Shimoga, the following day.

Miss Margarita Hofmann of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society on receiving a notice from the Special Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields, under section 17 Mysore Mining Act, to quit the Mining area, left for the C & M Station, Bangalore, on the 3rd instant.

Proscribed Literature:

Seventeen copies of the Proscribed pamphlet "ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಕರೆ" (The Workers' Call) Vide S.B.A.43/41 - page 260 - were seized by the Mysore City Police on 1-11-41.

About 200 copies of publications of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society proscribed by Government in notification No.P.1753/Law 50-41-2 dated 29-10-41 were seized from Miss Margarita Hofmann (Swiss Regn.No.4555-Jubbalpore) by the Kolar Gold Fields Police.

Visitors:

Messrs. Purushottham and Shanmughalal Shali of the All India Spinners' Association, Bombay, who arrived in Bangalore on the 31st October, left for Mysore the next day.

U.K. SOMAPPA,
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

SUBJECT.

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(Designation) Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore,

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, in triplicate, the Special Branch Abstract No. 46/41 for the week ending with Saturday, the 15th November 1941.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K. K. Somappa

Superintendent of Police,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE **District.**

For week ending November 15, 1941.

The following matters should be reported on :—

(*a*) Political.
(*b*) Social and Economic.
(*c*) Religious.
(*d*) Government Officers.
(*e*) Foreigners.
(*f*) Press.
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District Superintendent of Police.
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S.B-A.No.46/41.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 15th November 1941.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which met on the 9th and 10th instant passed a resolution expressing resentment at the order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. passed by the District Magistrate, Mysore, banning the entry of Mr. Siddiah into Mysore City, and his subsequent arrest. After discussion, the Committee decided to acquaint Mr. Gandhi with the political situation in the State and seek his advice. As regards the participation of Congressmen in functions attended by or organised by Government officials, the committee decided that while no restriction would be placed on the individual freedom of members, they should abide by the decision of the Party leaders.

In consonance with the above decision Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah left Bangalore for Wardha on the 11th instant to meet Mr. Gandhi.

The Congress members of the Bangalore City Municipality have decided to present a Civic Address to Messrs. Kaleswara Rao and Gopala Reddi of Andhra Desa during their visit to Bangalore. A sum of Rs.50/- has been fixed as the minimum expenditure to be incurred in connection with the same. This proposition is likely to come for discussion in the next meeting of the Municipal Council on the 15th instant.

Hassan District:

It is understood that Messrs. Sanjeeva Setti and R.S. Gunduramiah who visited Konanur on 7-11-41 in connection with a meeting of the Vaisya Co-operative Society collected some subscriptions from the Vaisya people for the expenditure of the A.M.C.C. meeting to be held at Holenarasipur on the 22nd and 23rd instant.

Kadur District:

The handicraft Centre organised at Chickmagalur is, at present, being managed by C.V. Dhruva, a staunch local congressman, and subscriptions for its maintenance are being raised.

Tumkur District:

On 8-11-41, under the auspices of the Town Congress Committee, pamphlets were distributed in Tumkur town under the title " [illegible] " quoting some authorities from Vedas, Geetha and Puranas as a part of their agitation to get consent of all Hindus for Temple-entry by untouchables.

Shimoga District:

Mr. K. Sampangi Ramaiya is believed to have intimated K.S. Ramachandra Setti that the labour situation at Bhadravathi may also come up for discussion

at the Working Committee meeting.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

6-11-41	Krishnarajanagar,	) Messrs.H.Sid-
-do-	Hampapur (K.R.Nagar Tk)	)diah, H.C.Dasappa,
-do-	Gandhanahalli, -do-	)S. Ramgaramiah,
-do-	Mirle village -do-	)K.Pattabhiraman,
-do-	Saligrama -do-	)T. Mariappa, H.K.
		)Veeranna Gowda,
7-11-41	Hebbal (K.R.Nagar Tk)	)S. Channiah and
-do-	Ravandoor(Hunsur-Tk)	)other Congressmen
		)of Mysore District
8-11-41	Bettadapur (Periapatna Tk)	)held a number of
-do-	Periyapatna	)propaganda meetings
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Mysore District, at which they criticised the present policy of the Government - with particular reference to the prohibitory order under section 144 Cr.P.C. and the arrest and release of Mr. H. Siddiah.

Mr. Siddiah in particular condemned the new levy of Education Cess, and House Tax and the indifference of the Government regarding the mis-appropriation cases. Resolutions to the above effect were also passed in some of the meetings.

At Saligrama, Mr. Siddiah was taken in a procession in a decorated cart drawn by 4 pairs of bullocks. A similar procession in a bullock cart drawn by 3 pairs of bullocks took place at Hunsur on the 8th instant.

At Hebbal, a purse of Rs.22/- was presented to the Congress President by the local people, while at Ravandoor (Hunsur Taluk) an address and a purse of Rs.170/- were presented. At Hunsur, Mr. G. Krishna Moorthy read an address and presented a purse of Rs.101/- on behalf of the people.

The Congress Party left Hunsur for Seringapatam and reached the latter place in the ~~afternoon of~~ early hours the 9th instant. On the morning of 9-11-41, the party left for Bangalore.

To protest against the arrest of Mr. Siddiah, a public meeting was held at Sindhagatta, Krishnarajapet, on the 6th instant, at which the speakers criticised the attitude of the Government towards the congress and characterised the arrest of Mr. Siddiah as an irresponsible act without sufficient cause. Mr. Subbe Gowda of Sindhagatta presided on the occasion.

To protest against the recent levy of Education Cess a public meeting was held at Chickmagalur on the 6th instant with Mr. S. Annappa Setti, M.R.A. as President. Messrs. C.V. Dhruva, Bagamane Deve Gowda, and B.P. Basappa Setti who addressed the gathering criticised the levy of the new Education Cess as entailing great hardship on the people, and as being undemocratic in as much as it was not placed before the Representative Assembly, and no chance was given to the people to express their opinion in the matter. The arrest of Mr. Siddiah and N.D. Shankar also came in for criticism. Resolutions to the above effect were passed

at the end of the meeting.

Note:- The speech of C.V. Dhruva Rao is said to have been impressive.

On 7-11-41, a public meeting was held in Shimoga under the auspices of the Shimoga Town Congress Committee, with Mr. S. Nijalingappa as President. Messrs. Kadidal Manjappa, S.V. Krishna Moorthy, B.R. Puttanajappa who spoke on the occasion criticised the policy of the Government in general, with particular reference to the arrest of Messrs. N.D. Shankar and H. Siddiah and the promulgation of the prohibitory order at Mysore, banning the entry of Mr. Siddiah into Mysore city. Referring to the strike, they observed that the same could have been averted, if only the concerned authorities were a bit wise and acted with far-sightedness.

A similar protest meeting was held on 6-11-41 at Lokkur village, Malur Taluk, at which Desai Venkata-Krishniah of Hosur Town and Appodappa, a local congressman criticised the action of the Government in arresting Mr. Siddiah, the President of the Mysore Congress.

THE MYSORE STATE MUSLIM LEAGUE.

It is proposed to hold the 3rd annual meeting of the Muslim League at Mandya on the 13th and 14th of December 1941. Mr. Sheriff of Bangalore and Mr. Basith of Mandya are making arrangements. Muslims from all over India are expected to be invited.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

In a statement issued to the Press regarding the end of the Bhadravathi labour strike Mr. Bhashyam states that he was not pleased with the appointment of Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao as President in place of N.D. Shankar, and that he expects the labourers of Bhadravathi to urge for the release of N.D. Shankar after getting their union registered.

At a meeting of the workers of the Khoday Eswarsa Silk Throwing Factory held on the 10th instant, Messrs. S.N. Gupta, Malavalli Veerappa and Shamaraja Iyengar detailed the grievances of the workers and the unjust action of the management in dismissing some of the workers.

On the 12th instant, the Assistant Labour Commissioner addressing a meeting of the workers of the above factory enquired into the grievances of the workers and stated that the proprietors were wrong in dismissing the 25 workers without proving the allegations against them.

Some of the workers of K.G.F. interviewed Mr. Bhashyam and discussed the advisability of forming Labour Associations in K.G.F. under the new Labour Act. They also informed him of the counter activities of Mr. P.R.K. Sharma and his party.

At a meeting of the workers of the AMCO, Ltd., held on the 8th instant, presided over by Malavalli Veerappa, Messrs. Adirajiah and Jayamuthu Raju spoke on the grievances of the workers and condemned the management for not heeding to the just demands of the labourers.

Addressing a public meeting of the workers of Binny's Mills, Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, Malavalli Veerappa, Puttashankarappa and D. Venkatesh spoke on the question of dividend and the Binny's Mills Enquiry and expressed doubts whether the decision would be in their favour.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner has fixed dates between the 14th and 29th instant for the formation of various labour associations in the several factories in the City.

Mr. Thimma Reddy is likely to resign his office as President of the Binny's Mills workers' association as he has already become President of the Nandydroog Mine.

Puttashankarappa is understood to have been advised by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam to resign his office as Vice-President of the Labour Union of Binny's Mills and to become President of the Sri Krishna Mills Labour Union in place of Mr. K. Pattabhiraman who has intimated his inability to continue as President.

Shimoga District:

Public meetings of labourers were held at Bhadravathi on the 6th and 7th instant with M.A. Moorthy of Chitaldrug, and Victor, an employee of the Iron and Steel Works as Presidents respectively. Messrs. Krishna Bhatta of Mangalore, Bhoopalam Chandra Sekhara Setty, B.P. Halappa, S.L. Krishna and K.R. Madhava Rao addressed the gatherings and explained to them "the terms" on which they came to an understanding and exhorted the audience to resume work. (It is ascertained from authorities that there were no such terms as stated by the speakers).

One Victor, an employee of the Iron and Steel Works, at Bhadravathi has been elected President of the newly registered Labour Union.

The workers of the Paper Mills at Bhadravathi have elected Mr. B.P. Halappa, the ex-Vice-President of the Bhadravathi Municipality, as the President and Mr. Seshagiri Sastri, as Secretary of their Labour Union.

Kolar Gold Field:

Printed notices in Tamil were issued by Mahimanathan criticising the action of Messrs. Ramji and Acharya as creating a split amongst the labourers of K.G.F. and advising the labourers of Champion Reef not to be carried away by false propaganda.

Mr. Chengalraya Reddi visited K.G.F. on the 11th instant and after interviewing M.C. Perumal, K.S. Raju, Dorai and Thangavelu Modaliar left the place for

for Kyasamballa, the same evening.

SOCIAL.

Chitaldrug District:

On 9-11-41, a branch office of the Swarajya Banking and Insurance Co., of Dharwar was declared open by Mr. Mahabaleswarappa of Bellary at Davangere Town.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore District:

On 5-11-41, one Abdul Khadar, aged about 15 years, of Dasegowdanadoddi of Channapatna taluk plucked some tender co-coanuts from the garden of one Ramiah, as a result of which the latter beat the former. When Rahim, the elder brother of Abdul Khadar intervened later, he was also dealt with in a similar manner. Owing to this quarrel, the feelings between the Hindu youths and Muslim youths of the village were strained and a clash between the two parties was apprehended. The elders of both the communities and the local Police interviewed and brought the situation under control.

Kadur District:

Messrs. C.V. Dhruva Rao and M.R. Venkataramiah, Manager of the Local Khadi Vastralaya interviewed N.D. Shankar at the District Lock-up, Chickmagalur on the 8th instant. The conversation related to the welfare of N.D. Shankar in the Lock-up.

Mr. S. Venkataramiah, Advocate, Chickmagalur, who is a jail visitor saw N.D. Shankar at the Lock-up on 7-11-41 and enquired after his health. Mr. N.D. Shankar is reported to have told him that he is quite comfortable but he is not supplied with all the Newspapers for reading.

EXTERNEES.

M.A. Parasuram, who after his release from the Central Jail on the 6th instant left for Salem, is understood to have written a letter to Mr. Bhashyam seeking instructions, as to his future programme. The latter is reported to have replied that he should break the deportation order again. A sum of Rs.10/- is said to have been sent to him from the labour union funds to his address at Salem.

C.B. Monniah is reported to have gone to Kuppam and to have been trying to get into touch with the labourers of K.G.F.

Proscribed Literature: (Shimoga District)

288 pamphlets styled " ಕಂಪನಿ ಕಾರಭಾರ " were seized by the Bhadravathi Police during the week. They are proscribed by Government in notification No. P.1535 Law 44-41-2 dated 22-10-41.

Visitors: (Kadur District)

One Thambu Setti, a released prisoner of the Yerrawada jail arrived at Chickmagalur on the morning of the 10th instant from Kadur and left for Mulki, South Canara on 12-11-41.

U.K. Somappa,
Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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18th November

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Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 15th November 1941.

Yours

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

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Special Branch Abstract No.47/41 dated 25th November 1941 from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branc for the week ending with Saturday the 22nd November 1941.

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Your most obedient servant,

K. L. Iyengar.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE **District.**

For week ending November 22, 1941

The following matters should be reported on:—

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(*b*) Social and Economic.
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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 22nd November 1941.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PERSONEEL.

Bangalore City:

Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam, T. Siddalingiah and H.C. Dasappa, who had gone to Wardha returned to Bangalore on the morning of the 19th instant.

Shimoga:

At a private meeting held on the 15th instant, the Bhadravathi Town Congress Committee was reconstituted as follows:-

Mr.	Raja Rao	.. President
"	Viswanatharadhya	.. Secretary
"	Pandurangappa	.. Treasurer.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore city:

It is understood that Messrs: K. T. Bhashyam, T. Siddalingiah and H.C. Dasappa who had gone to Wardha apprised Mr. Gandhi of the political situation in the State and sought his advice regarding having recourse to direct action. The latter is reported to have instructed them to have their grievances redressed by negotiations with the Government.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which met on the 17th instant passed certain draft resolutions to be presented at the meeting of the A.M.C.C. at Holenarasipur on the 22nd and 23rd instant. In one of them, the committee expresses its resentment " at the official interferences in the elections, the rejecting of nomination papers, victimisation of persons for legitimate activities, and the many inroads into the elementary rights of citizenship, by way of prohibitory orders, deportations and the like." The Committee also records its protest against the arrest of N.D.Shankar and the continued externment of K.S. Kumaran, Shanmugam, M.S. Rama Rao, A.Z. Sheriff and others.

After reviewing the whole political situation the committee authorises the Congress President to approach the Government with a view to see that the wrongs on the people are remedied, and that all such restrictions as interfere with the exercise of ordinary civil rights are removed, so that the prevailing discontent in the country may as far as possible be allayed."

The Bangalore City Municipality have passed a

resolution to present a civic address to Messrs: B. Gopala Reddi and Kaleswara Rao on the occasion of their visit to Bangalore; and for that purpose, set apart a sum of Rs.50/- to meet the necessary expenses.

Hassan Dist.

It is reported that Messrs: A.G. Ramachandra Rao and Sanjeeva Setti visited Kantharajapura and other villages on 16-11-1941 for collection of funds to meet the expenses of the A.M.C.C.

The meeting of the A.M.C.C. has been arranged to be held at Holenarasipur on the 22nd and 23rd instant. The Congress President will arrive there on the afternoon of the 21st instant, and is expected to be taken out in a procession.

Kadur District:

It is reported that one Mr. ~~Rajam~~ Rajamma Iyengar, B.A., B.Sc., Manager of the Badanwal Khadi Spinning Centre, Nanjangud taluk, and Subramanyam, Manager of the Khadi Spinning Association, Hosur, Goribidanur taluk, had gone to Pathapalya on 9-11-41 in connection with propaganda work and opening of a Spinning Centre at Pathapalya. They also visited Gulur in connection with the same purpose.

Chitaldrug District:

The election petition which had been put up by K.T. Vasudeva Reddi against Mr. H.M. Siddaramiah, came up for consideration before the Election Commissioner on 15-11-1941. After consideration, Mr. K.T. Vasudeva Reddi was declared duly elected, as he had obtained 13 clear votes in his favour.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

To protest against the arrest of Mr. N.D. Shankar, a public meeting was held on the 19th instant in Subbarayanakere maidan, Mysore, with Mr. T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar as president.

K.S. Kumaran who first addressed the gathering observed that the condition of labourers had gone from bad to worse on account of the rise in prices of food-stuffs, and the request of the labourers for a dearness allowance led to the arrest of N.D. Shankar. Further, he criticised the attitude of the managemement for refusing an interview to N.D. Shankar.

Messrs: T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar, Subbaraya Upadhyaya and T. Narasimha Iyengar who also spoke on the occasion extolled the services of N.D. Shankar to the labour population, and criticised the action of the Government in arresting and detaining him.

In the end, three resolutions condemning the action of the Government, in arresting N.D. Shankar, proscribing the pamphlet " ಕರಾಳಶಾಸನ " published by Vishakanta Rao and requesting the Government of India to release the political prisoners

detained in the Deoli Camp were passed.

At a public meeting held on the 17th instant under the auspices of the Town Congress Committee, Bhadravathi, Messrs: Panduranga Setti (R.A. Member) and Viswanatharadhya, Secretary, Town Congress Committee criticised the new levy of educational cess and appealed to the Government to reduce the same. Mr. Raja Rao, president of the Town Congress Committee, presided on the occasion.

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

In connection with Binny's Mills Enquiry, a sum of Rs.125/- is reported to have been collected from the workers. Apart from the amount of Rs.750/- paid to Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar, Mr. Bhashyam is reported to have asked the office-bearers of the Union to pay Rs.130/- to Mr. S.K. Venkataranga Iyengar, and Rs.100/- to Mr. K. Shamaraja Iyengar.

At a meeting held on the 12th instant presided over by Dr. Royan, the members of the Workers' Union of Binny's Mills decided to wind up the Union in view of the formation of a new Labour Union under the Labour Act and to transfer the funds from the old Union to the new one.

At a public meeting held on the 13th instant, Messrs: Malavalli Veerappa and D. Venkatesh advised the workers of the Bangalore Chemical Factory to form a union of their own.

Mr. H.V. Subramanyam addressed a meeting of the workers of the Industrial and Testing Laboratory on the 19th instant and exhorted them to urge for the inclusion of two outsiders in their new Labour Union.

D. Venkatesh, and Puttashankarappa are reported to have been elected president and vice-president respectively of the Sri Krishna Weaving Factory Labour Union.

The Workers' Association of the following mills and factories were formed in the presence of the Asst. Labour Commissioner on the dates noted against each:-

Suryodaya Mills	..	17-11-1941
The Mysore Glass and Enamels Factory	..	15-11-1941
T.R. Mills	..	14-11-1941

The Asst. Labour Commissioner has fixed 2nd December and 22nd December 1941 for the formation of Workers' Associations for Binny's Mills and The Government Electric Factory respectively.

Mysore District:

On 10-11-1941 the Labour Commissioner interviewed the leading hands and chargemen of the

several sections of the Mysore Railway Workshop in the Loco and Carriage Superintendent's Office, and advised them to form themselves into an Association as per Labour Act. One R. Raju of the Machine shop is reported to have stated that they are prepared to form an Association, in case the previous office-bearers of the Union whose services were dispensed with are taken back.

On 14-11-1941, the Asst. to the Labour Commissioner visited the Railway Workshop, read the Labour Act and explained to the workers the necessity of forming an Association, their rights, and privileges they would derive thereby. Some of the workers intervened in the middle and said that they did not like to form an association without the previous office-bearers being re-entertained.

Shimoga Dist.: On 13-11-1941, the chairman of the Mysore Iron & Steel Works at Bhadravathi met the Executive members of the Paper Mills Labour Union and advised them to reduce the number of Executive committee mmambers as the present number was too large.

One Ahmed Shariff (T.No.773) and one of the Executive members of the Paper Mills Labour Union were suspended as a disciplinary measure for slackness of work.

At a public meeting held on the 16th instant, the workers of the Iron and Steel Works at Bhadravathi formulated and approved 19 demands to be placed before the General Manager. Three of them related to the immediate and unconditional release of N.D. Shankar, the grant of a dearness allowance of Rs.3/- per head per mensem, aand the recognition of the rights of the workers to co-opt two outsiders as members of the association. The rest of the demands related to the privilege of leave, increments of wages etc.

Kolar Gold Fields: Lakshmana Mudaliyar and another are reported to have met Mr. Bhashyam at Bangalore and sought his advice regarding the formation of Labour Unions under the Labour Act. Mr. Bhashyam is understood to have drafted three statements and given them to Lakshmana Mudaliyar for being printed and distributed.

Printed notices in Tamil were distributed by Mr. Bhashyam requesting the labourers to join the Congress and not to be carried away by false propaganda.

It is reported that Penangapani Mudaliar was elected president and Messrs: John, Irudanandan and Varadarajalu Naidu were elected as vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer respectively of the Electricity Dept. Labour Union, K.G.F. Messrs: Acharya, Phillips and Krishnaswami Pillai were present at the time of election.

MISCELLANEOUS

On 1-11-41, funds were collected at Davanagere by M. Govinda Reddi, Ramagiri Hanumanthappa and Kotre Nanjappa for running a Middle School at Rangapura, Holalkere taluk.

U.K. SOMAPPA,
Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
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S. B. Report No.48/41 dated 3rd Dec. 1941 received from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, for the week ending Saturday the 29th Nov. 1941.

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Your most obedient servant,

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....**District.**

For week ending Saturday, the 29-11-1941

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(*a*) Political.
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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City: Messrs. H. Siddiah, President and K. Pattabhiraman, General Secretary, Mysore Congress, interviewed the Dewan on the 26th instant and discussed the resolution adopted by the A.M.C.C. regarding the urge for Civil Liberties, etc. The party is expected to interview the Dewan again next month. Mr. Siddiah is said to have apprised Mr. Gandhi about the particulars of the interview.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore Dist. A criticism of the attitude of the Municipal authorities of Doddaballapur in not inviting the local congressmen, Press correspondents and a recipient of the Public Service Medal, to attend the function arranged in the town, during the visit of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, written on a black-board was displayed on the pial of the shop of Mr. Muguvalappa (congressman of Doddaballapur).

Shimoga District: At a private meeting of the District Congress committee, Shimoga, held on the 20th instant, certain resolutions regarding the audit of accounts of the committee by K.N. Murthi and K.S. Ramachandra Setti were adopted. Mr. S.R. Nagappa Setty was elected Treasurer in place of Mr. Badanarayan. The question of taking back Mr. B.P. Halappa, Ex-Vice-president, Bhadravathi Municipal Council, to the congressfold was referred to the Shimoga Town Congress Committee. They also decided to hold a conference of the District congress workers at Bhadravathi on the 26th and 27th December 1941.

Chitaldrug District: A party of congressmen consisting of Messrs: S. Nijalingappa, S. Veerabasappa, A. Bhimappa Naik, S. Vasudeva Rao and K.T. Vasudeva Reddy, have undertaken a propaganda tour in Jagalur, Harihar, Davanagere and Chitaldrug taluks in order to organise local committees, enrol members and collect funds. (programme from the 25th to 28th instant both days inclusive). Details are awaited.

Tumkur District: The District Congress committee met at Tumkur on the 20th instant with Mr. Mali Mariappa as President and decided to continue the campaign for enrolling new members.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Hassan District: Vide Annexure for the A.M.C.C. Session held at Holenarasipur from the 21st to 23rd instant inclusive.

Shimoga District: At a congress meeting held at Kothalagere on the 16th instant, Messrs: Saraganti Nagappa, Nidege Rudrappa and Kundanoor Rudrappa sppke to the gathering that they had helped them to get an exemption from paying taxes at 6 pies per head-load of articles that were taken to the shandies. The speakers also referred to the prohibitory orders on Mr. Siddiah and exhorted the audience to join the congress.

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Mr. Md. Sheiff, President of the Mysore State Muslim League, accompanied by Mr. Syed Ghouse Mohidin and two others visited Tumkur and Madhugiri on the 22nd, Hiriyur and Chitaldrug and Honnali on the 23rd, Shimoga and Bhadravathi on the 24th and Chikmagalur on the 25th. At all these places, appeals were made to Muslims to join the Muslim League and support Mr. Jinnah. Appeals were also made for funds for the Muslim League Conference to be held at Mandya in December. Mr. Hajee Abdul Rahaman of Chikmagalur has been authorised by the President to collect funds locally. At all the meetings, the need for closer co-operation and friendliness between Muslims and Hindus was stressed.

LABOUR

Bangalore City: Mr. K.T. Bhashyam has issued to the press a rejoinder to the letter of Mr. K.C. Phillips, justifying the participation of congressmen in the labour activities of the State.

Particulars are being collected about the personal life of Mr. T. Ramachandra with a view to intimate the same to Mr. Gandhi as it is alleged that Mr. Ramachandra is working against the interests of the State Congress and the Labour Union.

Mr. Bhashyam in the course of his conversation with Mr. Shankarlal Banker on the 24th instant acquainted the latter with the facts relating to the rejoinder issued by him and appears to have also complained against Mr. T. Ramachandra.

There appears to be some discontent among the workers in labour circles about styling their organisations as "Associations" and not as "Unions", as urged by the Assistant Labour Commissioner. Mr. Bhashyam appears to have asked the workers not to agitate over this matter until their Associations were registered.

The action of the Labour Commissioner in not permitting persons other than members of the particular

Mills or Factories concerned to be present at elections, appears to have created a stir in Union circles. A section of workers in Binny's Mills appears to be working against the Union already constituted and this is being resented by Puttashankarappa, Venkatesh and others. As such there is keen competition in canvassing by both the parties. The elections are to come off on the 18th December. Mr. Bhashyam had also arranged for counter-propaganda meetings from the 26th to 29th instant inclusive.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner addressed the workers of the following mills etc. on the dates noted in the margin and explained to them the implications of the Labour Act. He has also fixed dates for elections of office-bearers to the several Associations.

Mysore Mills & Industrial Testing Laboratory - 28th Nov.; Porcelain Factory - 24th Nov; Bangalore Transport Co, 20th Nov. AMCO Batteries - 25th Nov.

A provisional committee has been formed for the purpose of registration in the Porcelain Factory.

There was some discontentment among the workers of AMCO Batteries consequent on the dismissal of 3 workmen by the Management. The Assistant Labour Commissioner is understood to have advised the other workers who intended to go on a strike in sympathy, that he would speak to the Management.

Messrs: Puttashankarappa, Ramiah and Narasimha-Iyengar addressed a gathering of about 500 workers on the 26th instant near the Binny's mills exhorting them to vote only for the congress candidates while forming the new association.

About 200 coolies of the Railway Goods Shed who struck work on the morning of the 27th instant are reported to have resumed work the same day. They are reported to have also interviewed Mr.Bhashyam.

Krishniah Setty, Secretary, Congress Committee, K.G.F. and Thangavelu and Devaraj of K.G.F. visited Bangalore on the 23rd instant and discussed their problems at the Labour Union offices.

Shimoga District: The local authorities of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi, have formed a committee consisting of the following officials: - Messrs: B.A. Narayana Murthi (Superintendent, Rolling Mills) - President; J. Suryanarayana Bhatta (Chief Time Keeper)- Secretary; M.R. Krishnappa(Watch & Ward Officer) and T.C. Chandrasekharan(Asst. Surgeon) of Iron Works Hospital - Directors. This committee is learnt to have been formed for purposes of recruiting labourers for the Works and so also decide questions of leave, salary and appointment of labourers.

Messrs: B.P. Halappa, M.A. Murthi and Seshagiri Sastry met the Labour Commissioner at Bhadravathi on the 23rd instant and enquired about the 19 demands

of the labourers and the registration of the Paper Mills Labour Union. It is learnt that they were assured of the registration of the Union shortly. The same day they met in the Labour Union office (one Victor being also present) and decided that if the demands of the labourers were not granted by the end of the month, there should be a strike.

With Mr. B.P. Halappa as President, they held a public meeting the same evening at which Messrs: M.A. Murthi, Victor, Seshagiri Sastri and the President spoke about the grievances of the labourers and also mentioned incidents of alleged misbehaviour by the officers.

On the 24th instant, the Chairman, Iron Works, interviewed the Iron Works Union Committee members and is learnt to have instructed them not to allow outsiders to take part in the meeting and that their demands would be considered.

It is reported that on the same day there was some hitch between the officers and the workers in the Brick Plant and the Rolling Mills and that the General Manager and Mr. Victor interfered and pacified the workers. It is said that a few workers in the Brick Plant had also stopped work at 3 p.m.

On the evening of the 24th instant there was another meeting of labourers with Mr. H.K. Puttiah as President, Messrs: Chidambaram Jois, Fernandiz and H.K. Puttiah delivered speeches explaining that they have been instructed not to allow outsiders to participate in the Labour Union meetings and that they would not believe the Authorities and would not also keep quiet till their demands were conceded. At this stage, Messrs: K.R. Madhava Rao, M.A. Murthi, B.P. Halappa and Seshagiri Sastry arrived at the meeting and strongly criticised the Chairman in having instructed that outsiders should not speak at labour meetings. They exhorted the labourers to stand up for a fight at any cost and be united for a strike as before.

The District Magistrate, Shimoga, promulgated an order on the 25th November under Section 39 of the Mysore Police Act banning the holding of public meetings at Bhadravathi and within a radius of 5 miles thereof for a period of 2 months. Copies of the Order were served on Messrs: K.R. Madhava Rao, Seshagiri Sastry, M.A. Anandamurthi and B.P. Halappa.

Labour meetings proposed to be held on the 25th were not held owing to the promulgation of the above orders. Mr. Halappa seems to have proposed to seek permission to hold the General Body meetings of the Paper Mills Labour Union.

Situation was quiet during the week.

Kolar Gold Fields: Six (Kannayappa, S.Narayanaswamy, Govindaraj, Thangaraj, Ebenizar &

and Munisami) workers of the Mysore Mine, K.G.F, (all congressmen) have hoisted a red flag with the emblem of a hammer and a sickle on a private building hired by them and have fixed a board with the inscription ' K.G.F. Labour Union, Marikuppam '. Their activities are being watched.

In a statement issued to the Press, Mr.K.C. Phillips has appealed to the labourers not to be led away by congress propaganda but to organise their labour associations as pure labour unions and achieve their objects by constitutional means.

The labour party is learnt to have enrolled about 7,000 members in Mysore Mine, 6,000 in Nandidroog and 3,000 in Oorgaum Mine and is expected to present applications shortly for getting their associations registered.

Lakshmana Mudaliyar, Ramalingam, Venkatesh, C.B. Monniah and Shanmugham are learnt to be staying at Kuppam.

Mr. Kanu Desai, Secretary, Ahamedabad Textile Labour Union, who arrived in Bangalore on the 24th instant consulted Mr. Shankarlal Banker and Srimathi Anasuya Ben regarding the strike situation in Ahamedabad Mills. It is learnt that he left for Ahmedabad on the 26th instant. It appears he visited the K.G.F. on the 20th instant and interviewed Capt. G.B. Willis and others.

EXTERNEES & DEPORTEES

Bangalore City: M.A. Parasuram, deportee, is learnt to have written to a friend intimating that he is not inclined to disobey the prohibitory orders against him for the present in view of his wife's illness. A letter is reported to have been written to him asking whether he would be willing to accept the Secretaryship of the Binny's Mills Association.

Collections are being made to assist Lingiah, externee, who is reported to have asked for financial aid.

VISITORS

Bangalore City: Mr. C. Rajagopalachar, Ex-Premier, Madras, arrived in Bangalore from Bombay on the 26th instant and is staying at the residence of Mr. K. Srinivasan, Editor, 'The Hindu'.

Mysore District: Mr. Kamalanayana Bajaj (son of Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj) and his wife arrived in Mysore from Hassan on the 26th instant. The local congressmen and other workers who met Mr. Bajaj in the congress office that evening explained the activities of the Mysore Congress and the interview of the President, Mysore Congress with the Dewan. Mr. Bajaj wished every success to the Congress.

U.K. SOMAPPA,
Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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ALL MYSORE CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

Second Session held at Holenarasipur.

(On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd November 1941.)

Friday, ~~the~~ 21-11-1941.

Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress accompanied by the other members of the Working Committee and the A.M.C.C. arrived in Holenarasipur on the evening of the 21st November 1941. Local Congressmen including the members of the Reception Committee, and others joined the party at the Holenarsipur Railway Station.

As previously arranged, Mr. Siddiah was taken in a procession in a decorated car from the Railway Station accompanied by music played by local pipers and the Volunteers of the Shivaji Sangha, Shimoga. Mr. S.C. Suryanarayana Setty, Chairman of the Reception Committee was also seated in the car by the side of Mr. Siddiah.

The procession started from the Railway Station at 5-45 p.m. after passing through the Adikarnataka keri, the fort main roads and the Bazaar street ~~and~~ returned to the A.M.C.C. Pavilion at 8.45 p.m. About 50 volunteers shouting congress slogans "ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹ ಚಳವಳಿಯ ಜಯ, ಮಿಲಿಸಂಖ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿಷೇಧ ಚಳವಳಿಯ ಜಯ - ಅಜ್ಞ -" accompanied the procession.

On the termination of the procession, a public meeting was held in the maidan by the side of the A.M.C.C. Pavilion (belonging to Messrs. M.A.Sampathiengar and sons, Contractors) at which Messrs. K. Pattabhiraman, H.C. Dasappa, A.G. Ramachandra Rao and H. Siddiah spoke to the gathering (about 500 persons). Particular reference was made to the reception accorded to the President, Mysore Congress. Among other matters they also referred to the prohibitory orders on Mr. Siddiah and the Hindu-Muslim Unity in the Town.

Saturday, 22-11-1941.

As per programme, the members of the Working Committee and A.M.C.C. and other members of the public in all about 60 persons - gathered at the maidan adjoining the A.M.C.C. pavilion at 8 a.m. There was a ceremonial and simultaneous hoisting of the Mysore and the Congress flags, a few yards apart. Messrs. H. Siddiah and K.T. Bhashyam who hoisted the Congress and the Mysore flags respectively, made short speeches on the significance of each flag and the object of hoisting them on these occasions.

At 9 a.m. the members of the Working Committee, held formal discussions over the official and non-official resolutions that were ~~xxxx~~ scheduled for discussion.

At 2.15 p.m. the A.M.C.C. commenced their deliberations. About 300 persons attended the Session. Admission to visitors, other than delegates, was by tickets at 2 annas each. Mr. S.C. Suryanarayana Setty, Chairman of the Reception Committee read his speech welcoming the congress members. This was followed by the presidential speech of Mr. Siddiah who read it from a Canarese printed copy. (Copy of an English version has been already submitted to Govt.).

OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS.

The first resolution relating to the expression of condolence on the demise of B. Krishnamurthi(congressman) was passed unanimously. On the initiation of the Working Committee, the whole audience stood up and observed silence for 2 minutes.

Mr. Dasappa moved the resolution relating to the keeping of the demand for Responsible Government in abeyance during the period of War and to seek an interview with the Govt. for civil liberties. A number of amendments were proposed and heated discussion ensued. Messrs: K.S. Kumaran (externee from Bangalore District), M.N. Jois, M.R.N. Sastry, R.S. Aradhya, C.V. Dhruva, K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty, K. Raghavendra Rao, K. Shamarajaiengar, Sarvagnamurthi, M. Doresami, K.S. Ramachandra Setty and some others oppposed the resolution.

Messrs: H.C. Dasappa, T. Siddalingiah(seconder of this resolution), K.T. Bhashyam and Siddiah on behalf of the Working Committee explained at length the circumstances that led to the adoption of this resolution and made clear that this was done on the advice of Mr. Gandhi.

The opposers questioned the sponsers of the resolution on the nature of conversation and result of the interview of the deputationists with Mr. Gandhi, and the circumstances leading to the visit of Mr. Virakesari Sitharamashastri synchronising with theirs. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam explained the several viewpoints and tried his best to convince the House.

All the amendments having fallen through, the original resolution was put to the vote and carried, the opposition being ineffective.

The House rose for the day at 10.30 p.m.

While the House was engaged, a public meeting was arranged at the Municipal Park at about 7.30 p.m. attended by about 100 persons. Messrs: T. Mariappa, A. Bhimappa Naik, J. Swami Doss and Tagadur Ramachandra Rao who addressed the gathering, among other matters referred to official interference in elections, prohibitory orders in Mysore, improvements of village industries etc.

23-11-1941. Sunday.

At 8 a.m., the ~~congress and the~~ Mysore and the Congress flags were hoisted simultaneously by Messrs: T. Siddalingiah and H.C.Dasappa

respectively. Both of them made short speeches on the significance of the flags.

The Working Commitee also met at 8.30 a.m. and discussed about the 2 other official resolutions (subsequently passed unanimously in the House) and about the day's procedure they had to adopt during the deliberations.

The congress party of the Legislative Council is learnt to have also held an informal meeting about the policy they had to adopt in the ensuing Council sittings.

At 9.30 a.m. the A.M.C.C. resumed their deliberations.

The third official resolution relating to the labour problem, the attitude that the congress had to adopt in this behalf and the demand to left the orders against certain workers, was moved by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and seconded by Mr. B.N. Boranna Gowda.

Several amendments were proposed and objections were raised. Messrs: K.S. Kumaran, A. Bhimappa Naik, Subbegowda, C.V. Dhruva, M. Doreswami, K.S. Ramachandra Setty, M.N. Jois, K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty, M.R.N. Sastri, V.S. Narayana Rao, Sarvagnamurthi, Javaregowda, M.C. Guru and a few others explained their points of view. Mr. M.N. Jois particularly asked the Working Committee if the Mysore Congress had taken the consent of Mr. Gandhi regarding their participation in the labour affairs in Mysore, since the Indian National Congress were not interfering in the British Indian labour problems. Messrs: Bhashyam and Siddiah explained that though these matters were not discussed with Mr. Gandhi, they had always his support and that the labour situation in British India was altogether different from that prevailing in Mysore.

Several amendments having fallen through, the house passed the original resolution with certain changes in expression and including the name of M.A. Parasuram in the third paragrah of this resolution (re the urge for lifting orders against certain workers).

Two more official resolutions (copy already submitted for favour of information of Government) which were adopted by the Working Committee on the 22nd instant, were next placed before the House:-

Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi moved the resolution relating to the levy of cesses and taxes by the Govt. and urged their cancellation. This was seconded by Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao. The other resolution related to the ' Temple Entry by Harijans ', which was moved by Mr. S. Rangaramia, and seconded by Mr. S. Nijalingappa.

Both the resolutions were passed unanimously.

Non-official resolutions.

The House then took up the non-official resolutions.

Mr. M.C. Guru moved his resolution expressing sympathy with the prisoners in the Deoli Jail, now on hunger strike and requesting them to call off. The house unanimously passed and the Working Committee agreed to send a message of sympathy.

Mr. Guru moved his resolutions 31 and 32 one of which related to the alleged brutal act of the sepoys in Bangalore against women and he expressed regret that the present arrangements made by the Government were not satisfactory. After certain verbal alaterations this was passed.

In this connection Srimathi Sunandadevi regretted that at the redent Women's Conference held at Bangalore, the organisers failed to express sympathy with the aggrieved party and did not care to pass any resolution.

Another resolution signed by about 30 members of the A,M.C.C. regarding the participation of congressmen in the functions arranged in honour of titleholders etc. was taken up. Messrs: V.S. Narayana Rao, R.S. Aradhya, M.Doreswami, K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty, Sarvagnamurthi, B.P. Basappa Setty and a few others argued that it was necessary to change the present policy of the congress and that the congressmen should not be prohibited from participating in some of these functions. In this connection, it was asked as to whether Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa(President, Bangalore City Municipality) was permitted to attend the function at Bangalore when His Highness the Maharaja gave a party to the outgoing British Resident in Mysore. After discussion, the matter was taken up by the Working Committee for further consideration in view of their circular dated the 9th instant which prevented the congressmen from participating in such functions.

Another resolution signed by about 20 members of the A,M.C.C. regarding the nomination of congressmen to several Local Bodies by the Government and ~~the~~ acceptance or otherwise, was discussed and vetoed as it was observed that no such instance had come to notice so far.

The House rose at 1 p.m.

Mr. Mohamed Ali Beig, Vice President of the Holenarasipur town Municipality, had arranged for a tea-party in honour of Mr. Siddiah and other congressmen in Mr. Puttiah's Choultry. About 200 persons attended the function. The congressmen were led in procession accompanied by music. This function concluded with the speech of Mr. Siddiah appreciating the services of Mr. Beig and referring to the Hindu-Muslim unity in the town. Mr. Anantharamiah,Pleader (local congressman) who spoke on behalf of the host referred to the so-called delay on the part of the Govt. in approving the appointment of Mr. Beig as Vice-President. Mr. Khasim Ali Beig, brother of the host thanked the guests.

The House reassembled at Mr. Ramasetty's choultry as owing to heavy rains the A.M.C.C. pavilion became unfit for occupation.

The remaining non-official resolutions were next taken up in order. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 12 were declared to have been covered by the official resolutions; Nos. 4,8 and 11 were withdrawn by the movers, No.13 was not taken up as the mover was absent. Nos. 15 to 18 were lost when put to vote; No. 19 and 14 were referred to the Working Committee for consideration; No.10 was taken up for consideration by the Constructive Sub-Committee, while No.19 alone was passed.

No explanation was offered by the Working Committee regarding the disposal of the remaining resolutions.

The President in his concluding speech made a resume of the deliberations and tendered thanks to all those who helped in making the function a success. Messrs: S. Rangaramiah on behalf of the Working Committee, A. Bhimappa Naik on behalf of the A.M.C.C. members, A.G. Ramachandra Rao and Gunduramiah on behalf of the Reception Committee also made speeches.

The function terminated at 8.45 p.m.

While the House was engaged, a public meeting orginally arranged to be held in the Municipal Park at 7 p.m., was held in the Town Hall and was attended by about 200 persons. Messrs: K. Sampangiramiah, K. Hanumanthia and S.C. Suryanarayana Setty, and Srimathi Sunandadevi spoke to the audience. They referred among other matters to the prohibitory orders, alleged official interference in elections and high salaries, removal of illiteracy, improvement of industries, creating of facilities, Hindu-Muslim Unity and other allied matters.

The members of the A.M.C.C. left for their places on the 23rd and the 24th instant.

GENERAL.

As a result of adopting the second official resolution in the ~~place~~ face of strong opposition, Messrs: K.S. Kumaran, M.N. Jois, M. Doreswami, K.R.Sridhar, K. Raghavendra Rao , C.V. Dhruva, P.N. Javaregowda, M.R.N. Sastri R.S. Aradhya and a few others have formed a separate group called the ' Congress Progressive Party ' of which K. S. Kumaran is learnt to have been elected as the convenor.

The Working Committee is learnt to be opposed to this idea. Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao appears to have lent his support to the formation of this group though he did not participate in the deliberations.

The members of the Reception Committee are learnt to have collected about Rs.800/- towards this Session and it is also learnt that a sum of Rs.30/- was realised by sale of tickets on the 22nd and 23rd instant.

The Session was conspicuous by the absence of any "Lavani Singer" (ballads) and this appears to have been felt by a section of the congress group.

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Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 6th December 1941.

Yours BT. Ratnayaka

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

SUBJECT.

Special Branch Abstract No.50/41 dated the 16th December 1941 received from the Superintendent of Police for the week ending with Saturday the 13th December 1941.

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Dec. 16, 1941.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent of Police,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

Secret.

MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE **District.**

For week ending December 13, 1941

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City: The Parliamentary Sub-Committee has appointed Mr. S.Nijalingappa to report about the disciplinary action proposed to be taken against certain congressmen in Tumkur District. The question of putting up a candidate for the Presidentship of the Bangalore City Municipal Council was also taken up.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which met on the 10th instant passed a resolution regretting "that the Government have not deemed it necessary to consult the local and Legislative Bodies in respect of the retrocession of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore"; and requesting "that they should take the public into their confidence in an effective manner". The committee also adopted another resolution expressing concern at the issue of prohibitory and externment orders against Messrs: K.R. Madhava Rao, K.S. Ramachandra Setty, M.A. Murthy and others in connection with the labour situation at Bhadravathi.

Mysore District: Messrs: Belliappa -President, District Congress Committee, Coorg; and Karambiah - Member, Legislative Council, Coorg, on their release from Alipore Jail visited the Congress Office in Mysore on the 9th instant and explained their experiences of jail life etc. to Messrs: H.C. Dasappa, T. Mariappa and others who were present.

Chitaldrug District: On 7-12-41, Mr.Channappa president, District Board, Tumkur, accompanied by Messrs: Srikantiah and S. Vasudeva Rao of Khadi Vasthralaya, Chitaldrug, visited Iyyamangala to study the work done by the Khadi Centre there, with a view to start a similar one in Tumkur District.

The propaganda tour arranged by the District Congress Committee, Chitaldrug, between the 8th and 13th instant, was been postponed on account of the absence of Mr. S. Nijalingappa, who left for Bangalore on 8-12-41 to attend the Working Committee meeting of the Mysore Congress.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Kadur District: At a party arranged in honour of Mr. H. Siddiah, by the Vysya community at Birur on the 7th instant, Messrs: K.T.Sathyanarayana Setty, Basavalingiah, M.V.Muddaviriah, K.R.

Krishnamurthi and B.R. Sathyanarayana Setty (congressman) addressed a gathering of about 100 persons and exhorted the audience to support the congress.

Mr. Siddiah expressed that he was glad to note that the people of Birur were pro-congress and criticised that the Government did not grant to them the benefit of a High School in spite of generous contribution of Rs.17,000/- from Messrs: Halappa, Patre Channavirappa and others. He also referred to the possibility of re-elections to the Legislative Council from the Kadur District and requested the people to vote for the Congress.

LABOUR

Bangalore City: On his return from Wardha, Mr. K.T. Bhashyam issued a lengthy statement to the Press justifying the present policy of the Mysore Congress in regard to the labour problems in the State. This policy is said to have been approved by Mr. Gandhi. He has also criticised Mr. T. Ramachandra and others.

Victor Menzies, president of the Labour Union at Bhadravathi, and K.S. Ramachandra Setty of Bhadravathi, met Mr. Bhashyam at Bangalore and had discussions regarding the labour situation at the Iron and Steel Works.

At a public meeting of the textile labourers of Binny's Mills held on the 9th instant, Mr. K.T. Bhashyam, D. Venkatesh, Adirajiah and Ramalingam expressed disapproval of the findings of the Enquiry Officer and appealed to them to have faith in the congress leaders.

A Tamil pamphlet containing allegations against Messrs: T. Ramachandra, T.L.A. Acharya, and P.R.K. Sharma has been published by B.R. Shanmugham(K.G.F.) for general information. It is reported that Mr. Gandhi condemned the alleged misconduct of Messrs: T. Ramachandra and H. Ramakrishna Rao. Puttashankarappa and others are said to be carrying on propaganda to effect, at least, a day's stoppage of work in Binny's Mills as a protest against the findings of the Enquiry Officer.

About 800 sweepers of Bangalore City Municipality went on strike on the morning of the 10th instant as a protest against the refusal of the authorities to grant a dearness allowance. The Municipal Council met on the 11th instant, and voted a dearness allowance. The sweepers resumed work on the same afternoon.

Mysore District: Mr. T. Mariappa presiding, a public meeting of the labourers of Sri Krishnarajendra Mills was held in Mysore on the 7th instant attended by about 600 persons. Messrs: A. Krishnamurthi, Subbaraya Upadhyaya, (Secretary of the Association), K.S. Kumaran, A. Suryanarayana Pandit, Rukmaji Rao and T. Mariappa and Srimathi Bayamma (worker in the Mills) addressed the gathering.

Among other matters, criticisms were made on the capitalists and it was contended that the miseries of labourers were due to the capitalists who took away the whole profit. The Government were accused of siding the latter. The present Labour Act was said to be not at all beneficial to the labourers. K.S. Kumaran particularly referred to the conditions of labourers in other nations. He was of opinion that instead of investing powers under the Labour Act in the Labour Commissioner, it would have been better if a Judge of the High Court had been empowered. The president in his speech assured that the amendments for the Labour Act would be discussed in the Legislative Council and pressed for being incorporated in the Act. He also referred to the Prohibitory Orders in Bhadravathi and criticised the nomination of Brahmachari T. Ramanhandra on behalf of the Labour Unions.

The meeting adopted certain resolutions:- (1) Disapproving the nomination of Mr. T. Ramachandra and urging for an election for the place; (2) requesting the Management of the Mills for the grant of dearness allowance at the same rate it was paid to the workers in other industrial concerns in Bangalore City;(3) that rates of piece-work wages should be increased for women, that women workers should not be made to work for more than 9 hours a day, and that the period of maternity leave should be increased; (4) criticising the promulgation of prohibitory orders at Bhadravathi and requesting the Government for immediate withdrawal of the same.

The workers had decided not to receive the wages for November till the dearness allowance of Rs.2-13-0 was paid to each of them. On being advised by the General Manager of the Mills they received their wages on the 10th instant along with the allowance of Re.1/- without any protest. The workers are advised to put in their application for the increase of dearness allowance for consideration by the Chairman.

Shimoga District: The District Magistrate, Shimoga, warned Messrs: B.P.Halappa, Seshagiri Sastry, M.A. Murthi, Krishna Bhatta and Ramachandra Setty on the 4th instant not to participate in labour activities in the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi. The next day, Messrs: K.G. Wadeyar and Karisiddappa(congressmen of Shimoga) are learnt to have advised the labour leaders in the Union Office, to be united.

Under Section 4(1) of the Mysore Public Security Act, the Government have externed (Govt. Notification No.2077-78/CB 29-41-16 dated 6-12-41 against M.A.Murthi: No. 2075-76/CB. 29-41-15 dated 6-12-41 against Krishna Bhatta and K.S. Ramachandra Setty) from the Shimoga District, M.A. Murthi, Krishna Bhatta and K.S. Ramachandra Setty, who had been trying to prevent a settlement between the Management and the workers. The orders were served on 7-12-41 on the first two persons at Bhadravathi, while the last-named was served at Chikamagalur where he was reported to be staying with Mr. Venkataramiah of the local Khadi Vasthralaya.

Ramachandra Setty is learnt to have apprised N.D. Shankar(detained in Chikmagalur jail) on 7-12-41 about the labour situation in Bhadravathi.

Kanarese pamphlets printed and issued under the signature of Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao were distributed amongst the workers in Bhadravathi. He has criticis the prohibitory orders and exhorted the workers to be united and fight out for their cause.

Mr. T. Siddalingiah visited Bhadravathi on the 8th instant and discussed the labour situation with the local congress and labour workers Messrs: B.P. Halappa, Seshagiri Sastry, Puttiah, Fernandez and others. He is learnt to have advised the workers similarly.

The local congressmen with Mr. Raja Rao as President, conferred at a meeting at Bhadravathi on 7-12-41 and resolved that the prohibitory orders were uncalled for and unjustifiable.

Kolar Gold Fields: Printed notices in Tamil were issued by the K.G.F. Labour Union at Kuppam appealing to the workers of the Mysore Mine to elect S.R. Shanmugham, A.P. Vajravelu and two others as office-bearers of the Union.

Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar of Kuppam visited K.G.F. on 7-12-41, and advised the workers to vote only for congress candidates. It is ascertained that the main object of his visit was to become the president of the Mysore Mine Union.

Shanmugham has issued printed notices in Tamil stating that Messrs: P.R.K. Sharma, Ranji and Acharya are untrustworthy, and have broken their promises given to labourers, and advising them to follow only such leaders who have proved themselves to be true.

K.C. Phillips has also issued Tamil notices explaining how the congress leaders who at first refused to help the labourers have now entered the fields to bring about a split amongst the labourers, and warning them not to join any political parties but to organise labour unions with the help of those who are sincerely interested in their welfare.

Owing to the continued strained feelings between the different communal, labour and political parties in K.G.F., the District Magistrate has extended the prohibitory order under section 39 of the Mysore Police Act for a further period of two months from 10-12-41.

Mr. V.R. Kalappa, President of the All India Trade Union Congress, visited K.G.F. on 9-12-41 and advised the workers not to mix up politics with labour problems.

It is understood that Gopalan, and Muddiah - two communists of Madras have left for Kuppam in order to foment trouble between the miners and their employers, with the help of Sundararaja Iyengar and Vajravelu Chetty (congressmen and near communists) of Kuppam.

RELIGIOUS

Chitaldrug District: The local merchants of Davanagere headed by Mr. Somanahalli Muppanna are learnt to have proposed to build a "Mantap" for ' Brahmeshwar Devaru ' deity which is in a vacant site adjoining the house of Satharkhan in Busapet and is being worshipped from a long time. They also propose to instal a Ganapathi idol at the place. Satharkhan appears to have raised an objection before the Municipality that the vacant site belongs to him. The matter is under consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mysore District: The Third Anniversary of the Mysore Yuvajana Sangha was held at Mysore on the 7th instant presided over by Mr. T. Mariappa. Messrs: B. Subbaraya Upadhyaya, K.S.Kumaran, B. Narayanaswami, A. Ramanna, A. Krishnamurthi and some others attended the function.

M.N. Venkatappa expressed that the members of the Sangha had participated in the "Hamilton Building & Town Hall" Sathyagraha. Messrs: Mariappa and P. Seetharamiah hoped that the Sangha would come to greater prominence in future.

EXTERNEES

Kadur District, Chikmagalur. K.S. Ramachandra Setti who has been externed from Shimoga District, arrived at Chikmagalur from Bhadravathi on the morning of 6-12-41. An externment order issued by Government under Sectin 4(1) of the Mysore Public Security Act was served on him on 7-12-41. Mr. Ramachandra Setti left for Birur, interviewed Mr. Siddiah at Birur the same day and left for Bangalore on 8-12-41.

N. Krishna Bhatta, another externee, who was brought to Kadur by the Shimoga Police on 7-12-41 had a talk with Mr. H. Siddiah, Congress President, at Birur and left for Tarikere by train on 8-12-41. He is at present staying with Mr. T.C. Basappa of Tarikere.

Externee A. Anandamurthi, who was removed to Narasimharajapura by the Shimoga Police on 7-12-41 reached Koppa the same day. He left Koppa for Chikmagalur on 8-12-41 and after meeting Messrs: Bagmane Dyavegowda and C.V. Dhruva Rao, left for Bangalore the same day.

K.S. Ramachandra Setti and M.R. Venkataramiah of Khadi Vasthralaya, Chikmagalur, interviewed N.D.Shankar in the District Lock-Up, on the 7th and 8th instant respectively in the presence of the jail warder.

During his interview with Ramachandra Setti, N.D. Shankar is said to have requested him to apprise the Congress President of his not being supplied with furniture, and Kannada newspapers and if necessary to give publicity to these facts in newspapers.

In his interview with M.R. Venkataramiah, N.D. Shanker requested him to write letters to Messrs: Bhoopalam Chandrasekhariah, T. Siddalingiah, and Veerakesari Seetharama Sastri that his detention under the Defence of India Rules was irregular, and that he is prepared to take his trial before any Court of Law for any specific offence. He also complained of not having been supplied with Kannada newspapers and Hindi Magazines.

K.S. Kumaran, externee from Bangalore District (Communist), was served on 8-12-41 with the notice issued by the Government, prohibiting him from entering the Shimoga District. The notice was served on him at Mysore where he is staying at present.

VISITORS

Dr. N.S. Hardikar arrived from Hubli in Bangalore on the 9th instant. He visited Doddaballapur along with Mr. T. Siddalingiah the same day and halted there for the night, and returned to Bangalore the next day. The object of his visit to Bangalore appears to be to canvass subscribers for the supplement to the "Hubli Gazette" published by him and also for reasons of health.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 13th December 1941.

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

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/AIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

December 22, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, the Special Branch Abstract No.51/41, in triplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 20th December 1941.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MRK.

Secret.

MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 20th December 1941.

The following matters should be reported on :—

(*a*) Political.
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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, is reported to have received intimation to interview the Dewan on the 22nd instant.

Mr. T. Mariappa, leader of the Congress party in the Legislative Council, who was staying in Bangalore, left for Mysore on the 18th instant to preside over the meeting of the Mysore City Municipal Councillors in connection with the presentation of a civic address to Mr. H. Siddiah on his visit to Mysore.

Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddy is expected to tour in the Ceded Districts of the Madras Presidency from the 19th to the 23rd instant and to preside over the Andhra Hindi Conference as per invitation.

Mr. Chikyellappa, Municipal Councillor, Bangalore City(Harijan), is learnt to have consulted Mr. Bhashyam to help him for the presidentship of the Bangalore City Municipal Council and that the latter advised him to join the congress first and then fight for his cause.

Mr. Kaleswara Rao is expected to visit Bangalore during Xmas and the resolution regarding the presentation of a civic address by the City Municipal Council appears to be still pending with the Government.

PROPAGANDA

Bangalore City:

The members of the congress party in the Legislative Council and Mr. K.T. Bhashyam talked over the motion regarding Bhadravathi affairs and the latter has since issued a statement to the Press in the same connection.

In connection with the recent talks at Wardha, differences of opinion are being expressed in the Press by Mr. Bhashyam and the members of the other party who interviewed Mr. Gandhi.

A branch of the Hindi Sikshana Samithi was opened at the Congress Office on the 15th instant by Mr.H. Siddiah.

Bangalore District:

Messrs: V. Venkatappa, T. Madegowda, K. Subba Rao and other congressmen held a private meeting at Closepet on the 12th instant and discussed about the financial aspect of the Congress.

The writing on the black board put up on the pial of Mr. Muguvalappa's shop in Doddaballapur, in connection with the Municipal affairs of the town, is still continuing.

Mandya District:

The members of the Taluk Congress Committee, Nagamangala, held a private meeting on the 12th instant and discussed about the enrolment of members to the congress.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mysore District:

Under the auspices of the Mysore City Municipal Congress party, a public meeting was held in the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall on the 12th instant presided over by Mr. P. Sitharamiah. There was a gathering of about 300 persons consisting mostly of merchant class. Messrs: B. Narayanaswamy, T. Mariappa, A.N. Suryanarayana Rao, S.Krishnaswami Rao, Thimmaraji and Sripaliah addressed the gathering among other matters, on the abnormal increase in the prices of food stuffs and urging that the Government should control the same. It was also suggested that the Banks should not give produce loans by mortgaging crops and that the Government must limit exportation and stop stocking of food-stuffs by merchants. Some of the speakers also criticised that the officers who were getting "fat salaries" were not caring much for the prices.

The meeting adopted a resolution requesting the Government to take necessary steps to prevent inflation in prices, to prevent cornering and to prevent Banks and Bankers from advancing produce loans. By another resolution they also requested the merchants to co-operate with the Government in the matter of controlling the prices of food-stuffs.

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Please vide annexure.

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

At a public meeting of the Textile labourers held at Bangalore City on the 12th instant, Mr. V.R. Kalappa, President, All India Trades Union Congress, criticised the provisions of the New Labour Act with particular reference to the restrictions imposed on the formation of a Federation of Unions and recommended that Government should accept the amendments proposed by the Congress Party. Referring to the labour situation in Bhadravathi, he pleaded for the grant of a dearness allowance and the removal of prohibitory orders.

Labour meetings were held on the 16th and 17th instant and Messrs: Bhashyam and Malavalli Virappa presided over the meetings of the Mysore and Minerva Mills' Workers respectively. Messrs: H.C. Dasappa,

D. Venkatesh and others spoke about the talks of Mr. Bhashyam with Mr. Gandhi, the labour situation at Bhadravathi, promulgation of prohibitory orders and other allied matters. They exhorted the workers to vote for the congress candidates for the Labour Associations.

At the request of some workers of Kolar Gold Field to help them in their propaganda to put up congress nominees for the Associations, D.Venkatesh of the Textile Labour Union, Bangalore, appears to have agreed to do so.

The annual meeting of the Mysore +Transport workers Union is expected to be held on the 1st January.

Bangalore District:

At a public meeting attended by about 200 persons held at Channapatna on the 14th instant, Messrs: V. Venkatappa (President), Ramanathan and Rangiah spoke on the introduction of the Labour Act.

Mysore District:

About 400 persons including about 100 labourers attending, a public meeting of the workers of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills was held at Mysore on the 14th instant.

Mr. Mallesiah, Asst. Labour Commissioner who presided, explained about the new Labour Act and said that the election of office-bearers had been fixed to take place on the 18th instant and that all of them should become members of the Association. The candidates who intended to stand for election were asked to send in their applications before the 30th.

Shimoga District:

Desikan, Treasurer of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi, was suspended for misbehaviour from the afternoon of the 10th instant.

As per telegram received at the Labour Union Office, Bhadravathi, from K.S. Ramachandra Setti, the executive committee of the Labour Union met at Tarikere on the night of the 13th and also on the 14th instant in the house of Mr. T.C. Basappa and discussed the labour situation in Bhadravathi. A resolution was passed accepting the terms of the Management of the Iron & Steel works that no outsider should interfere with the settlement of the labour question at Bhadravathi, and promising to co-operate whole-heartedly in the prosecution of the war.

The meeting was held at Tarikere to enable Mr. Ramachandra Setti and Krishna Bhatta, to attend. Messrs: Victor Menzies, Subramanya Pillai, Smaller, Kayakutti, Ramanna and some others also attended the meeting.

Mr. Victor Menzies who had instructions to hand over the resolutions to the General Manager, delivered the same to the latter on the 16th instant.

Desikan appears to have received a telegram from Victor, from Bangalore, on the 17th instant as follows:- " Things successful, Patience". Mr. B.P. Halappa who returned from Bangalore to Bhadravathi the previous day appears to have said that outsiders would not interfere with the labour affairs in Bhadravathi. On the evening of the 17th Desikan is learnt to have expressed in the Union Office at Bhadravathi, that the consent of the labourers must be obtained to the terms of the Management in a public meeting for which the prohibitory orders should be withdrawn. The same night the executive committee again held a secret meeting presided over by Subramanya Pillai, Vice-president of the Labour Union.

The previous resolution having been declared null and void, the committee passed two other resolutions:-(1) Requesting the Management to permit the Association to have two outsiders who would act as private individuals and not with political motives, and (2) expressing that all help must be rendered to increase war efforts and that the Management should also co-operate with the workers and see to the establishment of complete harmony.

The above resolutions were expected to be sent to the General Manager.

Kolar Gold Fields:

At a public meeting of labourers (about 500 persons) held at Rallabudagur on 14-12-41 Messrs: K. T. Bhashyam, K. Changalaraya Reddi, Sundararaja Iyengar (Kuppam), Chelvan, Shanmugham and C.B. Monniah (externed communist) criticised the action of P.R.K. Sharma and his party in having joined hands with the capitalists and promised to help the labourers if congressmen were supported to come out successful in the elections to the Labour Unions.

Mr. P.R.K. Sharma and Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar are canvassing votes for the election of members of their respective parties to the New Labour Unions to be formed at Kolar Gold Field.

A.R. Krishnaswami has issued printed Tamil notices appealing to the labourers not to be guided away by the congress people.

It is reported that on 16-12-41 the Chittur Police served a notice on C.B. Monniah prohibiting his entry into the limits of the C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

RELIGIOUS

Chitaldrug District:

With reference to the construction of a Mantap by the Hindus at Davanagere on the vacant site said to belong to one Sathar Khan (vide SBA.50/41 . page302), it is since learnt that Hindus are contemplating to purchase the house of Sathar khan adjoining the vacant site.

The matter is under investigation by the Municipality and the spot is being inspected by the District Magistrate.

EXTERNEES.

N.D. SHANKAR was interviewed by congressmen, Messrs: B.N. Boranna Gowda and B.K. Narasimhamurthi, in the District Lock-up at Chikmagalur on the 14th and 16th instant respectively. The former is learnt to have complained that he had not been supplied with furniture etc, and that his detention was irregular.

K.S. RAMACHANDRA SETTY & B. KRISHNA BHATTA met Mr. T.C. Basappa, congressman at Tarikere on the 13th instant with a view to convene a private meeting of labourers of Bhadravathi in order to settle the question of wages. Puttiah, Desikan, Badanarayana, Naidu, Wahab, Fernandez, Chidambaram, Seshagiri Sastri and some others also arrived at Tarikere and all of them conferred at a meeting in the house of Mr. T.C. Basappa.

The above meeting is said to have been the direct outcome of their correspondence with the labourers at Bhadravathi. It is also learnt that Krishna Bhatta has requested Mr. Bhashyam to go to Tarikere and bring about a settlement of the situation at Bhadravathi.

Ramachandra Setty alone left for Bangalore on the 15th.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
Dec. 22, 1941.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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(Annexure to S.B.A.51/41)

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Mandya District:

The Third Session of the All Mysore State Muslim League was held at Mandya on the 13th and 14th December.

13.12.41. Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung of Hyderabad and Messrs: Mahomed Shariff, Mahomed Valiulla and others arrived in Mandya on the morning of the 13th. After reception, the party was taken in procession in a decorated car along the principal streets of the town accompanied by about 50 volunteers.

Flag hoisting: On arrival at the extensive pandal, "Bahadurabad", Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung hoisted the League Flag, made a short speech in Urdu on its significance and exhorted the Muslims to unite under it. He deplored the resilience of Mr. Fazlul Huk, Premier of Bengal from the League.

Open Session: The Open Session commenced in the afternoon and the gathering consisted of about 300 persons, admission being restricted by issue of tickets. The conference was declared open by Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung, after an invocation by one Abdulla Zoki.

In his opening speech, Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung desired that Muslims should help the war effort. Their civilisation in India, he said, was high and they must keep up the culture and improve it. He further expressed that he was sorry to hear about the Mosque affair in Harihar and hoped that it would be restored to Muslims.

Mr. Valiyulla read messages received from outsiders wishing the Conference a success. He then explained that the Muslims were very much backward in education and economically too and that politically they were suffering for want of safeguards. He wanted that the Government should constitute a committee of Muslims (officials and non-officials) to go into their grievances.

Mr. Mahomed Shariff, in his presidential address dealt briefly with the history of their organisation and their demands put before the Constitutional Reforms Committee. He said he was disappointed in that separate electorates were not introduced in Local Bodies. He urged for a statutory provision in order to have a representation of their community in Government Services and increased representation in both the Houses. He said that there was a decline in all branches of State Services and that the percentage had come down from 11 in 1930 to 5 in 1940 and this was particularly in the Police and Military. He said that there were instances where the principle of strict neutrality in the matter of places of worship is departed from in order to placate certain sections of the people. He urged that the Kumbargeri mosque at Harihar should be restored to its original position

and that a suitable formula evolved to solve the question of music before mosque. He was of opinion that the number of Urdu Primary Schools was inadequate. Referring to the message of Mr. Jinnah, he exhorted the Muslims to unite and work for their religious, political, educational and social upliftment.

In the evening, the Urdu Conference was opened by Mr. J. Mohamed Imam, B.A., Minister for Education. Mr. Md. Sheriff spoke welcoming the Minister.

The Minister stressed the need for mutual cordiality, good will and co-operation between the Hindus and Muslim communities, and the development of friendly feelings among the several communities.

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung expatiated on the greatness of Urdu language and explained how ' Hindi ' could not substitute ' Urdu ' for them.

14-12-41. The Subjects Committee which met in the morning with Mr. Mohamud Shariff as President discussed certain resolutions, important among them being- 1) Release of All-Md. Mushraki (Khaksar) from Jail, 2) Grant of more Urdu Schools in the State, 3)The conversion of the old mosque into a Travellers'Bungalow at Shimoga to be restored as a mosque, 4) Government to be requested to put an end to the practice of ' Bajabajantri ' etc. before mosques, 5) Increasing the number of seats in the Local Bodies, 6) Increase in the number of scholarships, seats in the Engineering College, and appointment of Assistant Commissioners etc. and 7) Retention of a Muslim Judge in the High Court.

All these subjects were approved by the Subjects Committee when the House resumed sittings in the afternoon. Mr. Yar Jung Bahadur who presided, referred in his concluding speech to the necessity for their unity.

The Muslim National Guard Conference was held represented by the local Muslim National Guard. Mr. Mohamud Shariff thanked the Guard for their good work and thanked the local Muslims for the reception and other arrangements.

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung returned to Bangalore on the 14th and proceeded to C. & M. Station the same day.

The League consists of the following office-bearers for the ensuing year:- Messrs: Mahamud Shariff - President; O.S.N. Sheriff, S.N.M. Razvi and Mirza Azizulla Beig - Vice-presidents; Valiyulla - Secretary; and V.S. Abdul Rahiman - Treasurer.

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24th December

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the Stat received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 20th December 1941.

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

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From (Name) U.K. SOMAPPA, ESQ., B.A.,

(Designation) Dist. Superintendent of Police,
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SUBJECT.

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Special Branch, for the week ending d December 29, 1941.
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Your most obedient servant,

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 27-12-41.

The following matters should be reported on :-

(*a*) Political.
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Special Branch in Mysore.

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 27th December 1941.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Mr. H. Siddiah and K. Pattabhiraman interviewed the Dewan on the 22nd December. Further talks which had to be resumed on the 24th have been postponed to the first week of January 1942.

Mr. C.N. Narasinga Rao, Municipal Councillor, Congress Party, is reported to have resigned his seat expressing dis-satisfaction at their party politics. Mr. K. Shamarajaiengar is expected to follow suit.

Mr.B.M. Seenappa of Bangalore is reported to have been elected Secretary of the District Congress Committee, Bangalore, in place of A.Z. Shariff in jail.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

Mr.H. Siddiah and K. Pattabhiraman are expected to tour in the North Karnatak for about a week.

Mr. K. Changalraya Reddi left for Bellary on the 21st instant to attend the Hindi Conference.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is reported to have received a letter from Mr. Gandhi about the controversial talks between Mr. Bhashyam and Mr. T. Ramachandra regarding their interview at Wardha and the statement issued by Mr. Bhashyam to the Press. Mr. Ramachandra is said to have also received a letter wherein Mr. Bhashyam's action has been criticised in regard to the publication in the Press, matters relating to their interviews. Mr. Bhashyam having come to know of this, appears to have expressed that he would issue a further statement if he was considered wrong.

Bangalore District:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam opened the Free Reading Room and the Charka School ~~xxx~~ at Yelahanka on the 20th instant, under the auspices of the "Young Indians Association." Mr. K. Hanumanthiah presided over the function. Mr. Bhashyam stressed the need to educate the people and appealed to the workers to take to Spinning.

Mysore District:

At a special meeting of the Mysore City

Municipal Councillors on the 18th instant with Mr. T. Mariappa as president, a resolution was adopted to present a Civic Address to Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress and to form a Committee consisting of eight members for the purpose. Nominated Councillors and five congressmen did not attend while the rest of the congress party (19 councillors) were present. No minute book was given to them by the President, Municipal Council.

At a meeting of the Congress party Municipal Councillors held on the 22nd instant, they unanimously decided to elect Mr. P. Sitharamiah as Vice-President of the City Municipality for the next year.

Hassan District:

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is likely to meet at Hassan during the first week of January 1942. Mr. H. Siddiah is expected to lay the foundation Stone of the District Congress Building at Hassan on the 4th January 1942, the site for which has been presented by the mother of Mr. A.G. Ramachandra Rao.

Kolar District:

A Charka Sangha was opened in Pathapalya of Bagepalli taluk on the 18th instant when Mr. K. Sampangi Ramiah and a few other congressmen were present.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Chitaldrug District:

Messrs. S. Nijalingappa, Rajasekhariah Hiremutt, and S. Virabasappa addressed a small gathering at Hosadurga on the 19th instant appealing to the people to join the Congress.

Messrs. Nijalingappa and S. Vasudeva Rao conducted similar propaganda meetings (poor gatherings) between the 22nd and 24th instant at the marginally noted* places of Challakere taluk. They are learnt to have also referred to the rural reconstruction work, introduction of prohibition, wearing of Khadi, revival of home industries and other allid matters.

*Parasurampur, Siddeswarandurga, Mohadevapura, Doddachellur, Doddabeeranahalli, Thimmanaikanakote, Chik-Chellur, Koralkunte, Jangarkunte, Pagadabande, Jajur, Obala-pura, Katamdevara Kote, Ghatparthi.

Kolar District:

Messrs. K. Sampangiramia, Narayana Reddy, Lakshmiah, Narayana Gowda and A. Subbaraya Setti, similarly conducted propaganda meetings in Gulur, Kollawaripalli, Kondareddipalli, Resinepalli and other places in Bagepalli talluk, between the 15th and 18th instant.

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

Shimoga District:

The Volunteers of the Hindu Maha Sabha at Shimoga, conducted "Prabhat pheri" on the 24th instant. Messrs. Mahantiah of Tumkur, S. Manjanatha Rao and other leaders were present in Shimoga. The Working Committee was expected to meet on the 25th instant.

INTER-COMMUNAL AFFAIRS.

Shimoga District:

In connection with the burial of a Muslim female dead body of Ahamadia pa-rty, there was some trouble at Shimoga on the 23rd December with the opposite party of Muslims who did not permit the dead body buried in the grave-yard near the Macgann Hospital. The local Police averted a breach of peace. After discussions, the Ahamadia party was allowed a place on the Shimoga-Sowlanga Road near the Toll-gate where the dead body was buried on the 25th instant.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Mr. Bhashyam has advised Mr. Malavalli Veerappa to canvass votes in favour of congress nominees who would be put up to contest the elections for the Mandya Sugar Factory Association. Mr. Adirajiah of Magadi has been also asked to evince interest in labour activities and be in charge of the Central Office or branch organisations.

Messrs. N.C. Thimma Reddy and D. Venkatesl visited Kolar Gold Field during the week on labour propaganda.

Mr. Gundenahalli Nanjappa advised the workers of the Kg Khodey Eswarsa Factory on the 20th instant to strengthen their Association which has been since registered.

Some discontentment appears to be prevailing among the workers of the Minerva Mills as a result of one Peter, a Head Jobber, having been dismisse for alleged theft and one Muniswami for changing wheels. The newly formed Asscciation is likely to take up this matter as well as of Lingiah's case shortly.

The members of the newly elected committee of the Binny Mill's Association and of the Textile Labour Union met on the 25th instant and decided to prefer an appeal through the former Association against the findings of the tribunal which enquired into the dispute between the la-bourers and the management. The question of dispensing with the present staff of the Textile Labour Union was also discussed at the Committee.

Shimoga District:

Badarayan, Vice-president of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi, is reported to have sent telegrams to the Labour Commissioner, Minister for Law, and Registrar of Labour Associations requesting to constitute conciliation proceedings in view of the agreement not having concluded.

The workers of the Paper Mills at Bhadravathi have elected Mr. B.P. Halappa as President, Mari - Vice-president, S.L. Lakshminarayana Rao - Treasurer, K. Seshagiri Sastry - Secretary, George James - Assistant Secretary, Bangarappa and 20 others as membersx of their Union. The election meeting was held on 20-12-1941.

At a private meeting held at Bhadravathi on the 19th instant, Deshikan, Badarayan, Seshagiri Sastri and a few other members of the Labour Union passed a resolution repudiating the agreement between the workers and the authorities and deciding to have an outsider to guide the affairs of the Union.

At a public meeting of the workers of the Iron and Steel works held at Nidige village about 6 miles from Bhadravatni on the 21st instant, the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee meeting on the 17th instant were recorded condemning the action of the Government in nominating Mr. T. Ramachandra to the Legislative Council from the Labour Constituency and rejecting the agreement said to have been reached between the workers and the authorities, etc.; Puttiah, Chidambaram, Fernandez and Narasimha Char spoke on the occasion.

On 22-12-1941 the resolutions passed at the General Body meeting the previous day at Nidige, were sent to the General Manager, Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi.

The next day (23-12-41) the Executive Committee met with Mr. Victor Menzies as President when the question of strike was taken up and authorised their president to interview the Chairman and decide the future course of action.

It is learnt that Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao had written a letter intimating that Mr. Siddiah discussed the question of re-instatement of Siddoji Rao with the Dewan who refused to interfere in the matter and that Mr. Siddiah had advised not to press the question.

The General Manager is reported to have explained to C.V. Badrayan, H.K. Puttiah and K. Chidambaram, the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Settlement and Arbitration Rules issued under the Defence of India Rules and also gave them a stiff warning not to act in contravention thereof.

Kolar Gold Fields:

Vigorous propaganda was carried on in the Mysore Mine area in connection with the election of office-bearers for the Mysore Mine Labour Association. Messrs. Sharma, A Acharya and others formed one party while Messrs. Thimma Reddy, Sundararaja Iyengar, Vajravelu Chetty and others formed the other party along with Communist persons of K.G.F. and Kuppam. Printed leaflets were also distributed by the Congress Party - appealing to the labourers to vote for Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar.

In the elections held on the 21st instant, Messrs. P.R.K. Sharma, A. Anthony, and K.C. Phillips were elected President, Vice-president and Secretary respectively of the Mysore Mine Labour Association. Messrs. Sundararaja Iyengar, M. Kannayappan and A.P. Vajravelu Chetty, the rival candidates and near-Communists of Kuppam secured only 49, 62 & 55 votes as against 1818, 1712 & 1721 polled by Messrs. Sharma, Anthony and K.C. Phillips.

Other office-bearers and members for the Executive Committee were also elected from the several departments. None of the candidates put up by the Congress came out successful.

An incident is reported to have occurred on the 21st instant inside the compound of Challappa's school where polling had been arranged. Hot words were being exchanged between Mahimanathan and his party and some of the Mysore Mine Labourers when Swaminathan abused some female workers of Mysore Mine who came for voting, for which objection was raised. About 500 persons gathered and the interference of Champion Reef Mine workers in the Mysore Mine area was objected. The Police averted trouble and brought the situation under control.

Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar presented an application to the Election Officer withdrawing his candidature on the alleged rough handling and abuse by the opposite party and the Police siding them.

It is reported that the allegations are without foundation as the Congress party had absolutely no chance of getting votes they have been finding fault in the elections.

The question of granting a dearness allowance to the Champion Reef Mine workers is reported to have been referred to the General committee. The party of about 4 to 5 hundred workers led by Mahimanathan who interviewed the Superintendent of the Mine have been informed accordingly.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore District:

The Scavengers of Channapatna had struck work for a few hours on the 18th instant on plea of not getting a dearness allowance and resumed work on the advice of the authorities.

VISITORS.

Mr. S. Sathyamurthi arrived in Bangalore on the 19th December and the same evening held discussions in the congress office with the local congressmen Messrs. Bhashyam, K. Hanumanthia, H.C. Dasappa, T. Mariappa, Jayamuthu Raju and a few others. He referred to the present political situation in British India appreciated the industrial policy of the Government of Mysore and advised the congressmen to agitate constitutionally instead of resorting to Sathyagraha. Dr. N.S. Hardikar was also present on the occasion.

Mr. Sathyamurthi advised the workers of the Sevashrama (on the 21st instant) to adopt a friendly attitude towards their employers and negotiate for their grievances instead of resorting to strikes. On the 22nd he delivered a lecture at the Intermediate College on "Parliamentary work."

EXTERNEES.

Mr. Krishna Bhatta, externee from Shimoga District is reported to be staying at Tarikere in the house of Mr. T.C. Basappa.

PROSECUTIONS.

L. Bheemakumar of Chitaldrug referred to in S.B.A.48/40/480 arrived in Chitaldrug on the 24th instant. The case under section 108 Cr.P.C. put up against him is struck off and no further action is contemplated at present. He is reported to be staying with his parents and intends to be aloof from politics. However, his movements are being watched.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
D:29-12-41.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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